



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

AGENDA MEMO

Date: July 8, 2020

To: BCWMC Commissioners

From: Laura Jester, Administrator

RE: Background Information for 7/16/20 BCWMC Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC FORUM ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION ITEM with attachment**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes – June 18, 2020 Commission Meeting- ACTION ITEM with attachment**
 - B. **Acceptance of July Financial Report - ACTION ITEM with attachment (full report online)**
 - C. **Approval of Payment of Invoices - ACTION ITEM with attachments (online) – I reviewed the following invoices and recommend approval of payment.**
 - i. Keystone Waters, LLC – June 2020 Administrative Services
 - ii. Keystone Waters, LLC – June 2020 Printing Expenses
 - iii. Barr Engineering – June 2020 Engineering Services
 - iv. Lawn Chair Gardener – June 2020 Administrative and Education Services
 - v. Wenck – WOMP Monitoring
 - vi. Kennedy & Graven – May 2020 Legal Services
 - vii. Metro Conservation Districts – Children’s Water Festival Contribution
 - viii. Metro Blooms – Lawns to Legumes Grant Expenses
 - ix. HDR – Website Services
 - D. **Approval of Salt Symposium Registration Reimbursement for Alternate Commissioner Cesnik – ACTION ITEM with attachment – Alternate Commissioner Cesnik plans to attend the Salt Symposium and requests reimbursement for registration costs. The Commission’s education and outreach budget includes funds for reimbursement of trainings. Staff recommends approval.**
 - E. **Approval of Bassett’s Creek Park (North) Phase 1 Improvement Project, Minneapolis – ACTION ITEM with attachment – The proposed project is located in the Bassett Creek Main Stem subwatershed within Bassett’s Creek Park (North) in Minneapolis. The project includes park improvements such as new playground equipment, benches, tables, trails, sidewalks, planting beds, picnic areas, and a dog run with a fence. The proposed project results in 0.99 acres of grading (disturbance), and creates an increase of 0.20 acres of impervious surface. Although the project includes work in the floodplain, it does not result in an increase in flood level at any point along the trunk system. The project meets erosion and sediment control requirements. Staff recommends approval.**
 - F. **Approval of 1230 Angelo Drive Shoreline Repair Project, Golden Valley – ACTION ITEM with attachment – The proposed project includes shoreline repairs at a single family home on Sweeney Lake including removing a timber retaining wall and placing 100 linear feet of limestone boulders and riprap along the shoreline and creating a 10-foot buffer and beach area. Although work is proposed in the floodplain, no floodplain fill is proposed. All other BCWMC requirements are met or are not applicable. Staff recommends approval.**

- G. Set Public Hearing on 2021 CIP Project for September 17, 2020 – ACTION ITEM no attachment – *Before setting the final 2021 levy and officially ordering the CIP projects, the Commission should hold a public hearing on its 2021 CIP at its September meeting. Staff recommends setting the hearing date so that the 45-day notice to member cities can be provided.*

5. BUSINESS

- A. Receive Update on Main Stem Lagoon Dredging Project and Maximum Levy Discussions (15 min) – *At the meeting last month, the Commission approved a maximum levy of nearly \$1.8M, including \$800,000 to begin implementing the Main Stem Lagoon Dredging Project. I was directed to further investigate partnerships and possible grant opportunities and to schedule a meeting with Hennepin County Commission Fernando. Although a meeting with the Commissioner has not yet been set, I recently met with MPRB staff and have researched some grant opportunities. I will provide a verbal update at the meeting.*
- i. Consider Submitting Application for Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant - DISCUSSION ITEM with attachment – *There is approximately \$12M in Clean Water Funds available statewide for “projects and practices” through the competitive grant process. The application deadline is August 17th. It’s possible the Main Stem Lagoon Dredging Project will score well for these funds because of its high pollutant removals, high cost effectiveness, complete feasibility study, and established partnerships. I recommend that the Commission submit an application requesting \$400,000 in grant funds.*
- B. Review Report and Receive Presentation of North Branch Bassett Creek 2018-2019 Water Quality and Biotic Index Monitoring Results (25 min) – **INFORMATION ITEM with attachment** – *As of 2015, the BCWMC Monitoring Program includes monitoring streams not only for biota (as has been performed since 1980), but also for water quality and flow. In order to spread out costs, only one stream at a time is monitored, which occurs over a two-year time period. The North Branch Bassett Creek was monitored in 2018 and 2019. The monitoring report is attached and the Commission Engineer will present the results at this meeting.*
- C. Review Report and Receive Presentation of Main Stem Bassett Creek Biotic Index Monitoring Results (20 min) – **INFORMATION ITEM with attachment** – *Between 1980 and 2018, the BCWMC has collected data on biota and habitat from the Main Stem of Bassett Creek on 11 occasions in order to evaluate water quality and detect changes over time. In 2018, the BCWMC monitored the Main Stem of Bassett Creek at two locations: 1) east of Brookridge Avenue, and 2) at Rhode Island Avenue. The Met Council monitored the Main Stem at Irving Avenue in 2018 for both water quality (through the WOMP program) and biota/habitat. The attached report includes results of the biota and habitat monitoring at all three locations and will be presented by the Commission Engineer at this meeting. WOMP water quality monitoring results are reported by the Met Council in separate reports not included here.*
- D. Consider Submitting Resolution for 2021 MAWD Legislative Platform (10 min) – **DISCUSSION ITEM with attachment** – *The Commission should discuss whether or not it would like to propose resolutions for the MAWD Board to consider for the 2021 Legislative platform. Proposed resolutions are due by September 1st and will be considered at the MAWD annual meeting in December. See the attached memo from MAWD for more information.*
- E. Discuss Meeting Format for August 20th BCWMC Meeting (10 min) – **DISCUSSION ITEM no attachment** – *The Commission should decide how it would like to proceed with its August meeting. I understand Golden Valley City Hall is still unavailable for outside meetings and that Plymouth City Hall is likely available for a Commission meeting.*

6. COMMUNICATIONS (10 minutes)

- A. Administrator's Report – **INFORMATION ITEM with attachment**
 - i. Medicine Lake Mapping AIS with Drone
 - ii. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work
- B. Chair
- C. Commissioners
- D. TAC Members
- E. Committees
- F. Education Consultant
 - i. Latest Education Video on [Raingardens](#)
- G. Legal Counsel
- H. Engineer
 - i. Sweeney Lake Water Quality Improvement Project

7. INFORMATION ONLY (Information online only)

- A. CIP Project Updates <http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects>
- B. Grant Tracking Summary and Spreadsheet
- C. 2020 BCWMC Administrative Calendar
- D. Letter of Support for USACE Mississippi River Drawdown
- E. [2020 Salt Symposium](#) (online; registration reimbursement available)
- F. [Lakeshore Restoration Animated Video](#) by Anoka SWCD
- G. Lawns to Legumes Progress Report to BWSR
- H. WCA Notice of Decision, Plymouth
- I. WCA Notice of Application, Plymouth

8. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- [Metro MAWD](#) – Tuesday July 21st – Online through Go To Meeting
- [2020 Salt Symposium](#) – August 4 – 5; online and live streamed; register at <https://fortinconsulting.com/salt-symposium/>
- [Bassett Creek Watershed Mgmt Commission Meeting](#): Thursday August 20th, 8:30 a.m., location TBD
- [Minnesota Water Resources Conference](#) – October 20 – 21; St. Paul River Centre; <https://ccaps.umn.edu/minnesota-water-resources-conference>