

# EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

## MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING June 19, 2018

The Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Board of Managers (Board) met at the Inver Grove Heights City Hall, 8150 Barbara Ave, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

### **Board Managers Present:**

Joe Reymann, Chair	Appointed by City of Eagan
Sharon Lencowski, Vice Chair	Appointed by City of Inver Grove Heights
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Appointed by City of Eagan
Monica Foss	Appointed by City of Eagan

### **Others Present:**

Ashley Gallagher	Resource Conservationist, Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District
Eric Macbeth	Water Resources Manager, City of Eagan
Steve Dodge	Assistant City Engineer, City of Inver Grove Heights

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Reymann called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### **II. Adopt Agenda**

**Motion by** Foss, second by Lencowski to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **III. Approve Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes of April 17, 2018 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. June 19, 2018 Year-to-Date Budget Performance

**Motion by** Reymann, second by Lencowski to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

### **IV. Watershed Based Funding**

The projects selected by E-IGHWMO as well as all other eligible entities participating in the Dakota County Collaborative, submitted the full project list to Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for their informal review. BWSR had follow-up comments and questions on a number of projects. For E-IGHWMO, both alum treatments (Schulze and Carlson) would require a feasibility study to be approved by BWSR before the alum treatment could occur. Since E-IGHWMO also had a project submitted by Eagan for Carlson Lake TMDL Improvements, which is an underground filtration system to reduce external TP to the lake, the group discussed selecting this project instead. **Motion by** Lencowski, second by Workman-Jesness to submit Carlson Lake TMDL Improvements in place of the Carlson lake Alum Treatment. Motion carried.

### **V. Local Water Plan Chapters**

The City of Eagan has posted its Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan for review. The E-IGHWMO is responsible for reviewing the Local Water Plan Chapters (Water Quality and Wetland Management and Stormwater Management), commenting, and ultimately approving if they conclude it is consistent with the E-IGHWMO

Watershed Management Plan. The Administrator will review the chapters; Board members that are interested will also review and bring comments to the August Board meeting.

#### **VI. Landscaping for Clean Water Grants Update**

Dakota County SWCD has had a high level of participation of watershed residents in the Landscaping for Clean Water (LCW) Program. The program has three grants application rounds, and by round two, the watershed has exceeded its grants with 9 projects and only 8 grants. Dakota SWCD asked the E-IGHWMO to fund 4 more for a total of 12 grants, with the anticipation that round three will have more applications from watershed residents. **Motion by** Foss, second by Lencowski to fund the additional four LCW grants and associated implementation costs for a total of \$3,000 but to not exceed the current workplan total amount of \$26,384.40. Motion carried.

#### **VII. Fitz Lake Outreach Review**

The meeting took place on May 16<sup>th</sup> at a homeowner's house on Fitz Lake. There were 12 lakeshore residents in attendance. Joe Reymann opened the meeting with information on the E-IGHWMO. Eric Macbeth with the City of Eagan spoke about the iron enhanced sand filter installation projects on the lake that will take place in 2018. Ashley Gallagher with Dakota County SWCD spoke about the Landscaping for Clean Water program and other grant opportunities available for projects. This style of event shows that having meetings in neighborhoods, and finding a citizen to partner with, increases the success of the event. Reymann reported that he has already had been contacted by a few residents about rainbarrels and buffer zones.

#### **VIII. Draft Education and Outreach Plan 2019-2022**

The Board and advisors participated in an activity to generate and organize ideas for the 2019-2022 Plan. The administrator will begin to draft the Plan based upon the sticky notes collected at the meeting.

#### **IX. Library Water Theme Backpacks**

Workman-Jesness, Foss and Reymann met to discuss content for the backpacks. They are leaning towards more hands on items and less books. Dakota County Libraries are supportive of the idea, but have some guidance as well. They are willing to purchase materials, in hopes that they can get a discounted rate through existing vendors. They also suggested a certain canvas bag, of which the E-IGHWMO would attach very visible labeling on content and a list of materials in the bag. They would like the WMO to be at the library for a 'launch day' to promote the bags. The Board had some discussion on cost of upkeep and who is responsible for replacing items. This will hopefully be minimized because the library will tag each item in the bag with a bar code and that's what they will check in and out. The library originally wanted 4-5 bags at each library (Wescott and Inver Glen) but our budget may not allow for that. E-IGHWMO could likely do 3 bags at each but would still need a budget increase. **Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Lencowski to increase the budget by \$500 not-to-exceed \$1,500. Motion carried.

#### **X. Rainbarrels**

Reymann presented an idea of partnering with local business Hardware Hank on a rainbarrel program. The E-IGHWMO would purchase Ivy 50 gallon rainbarrels through Rain Water Solutions Inc. at a minimum of 66 barrels. Hardware Hank would store the barrels and sell them for \$40. Many other rainbarrels retail above \$90. The WMO would be able to put a sticker on the barrels or provide education or installation materials inside the barrels. Master Water Stewards could meet with Hardware Hank staff to provide installation guidance so they can pass that on to their customers. Financial commitment would be \$4,422 for 66 barrels including shipping (\$67 each). The WMO would sponsor 25% of the rainbarrel cost (\$16.75 each) which is why Hardware Hank could sell them for \$40 and they would still gross \$1,534.50 (\$23.25 each). The final cost to the WMO would be \$3,314.50. There were questions as to whether a legal agreement is

needed between E-IGHWMO and Hardware Hank. The Board would like to consult their attorney before proceeding. It was suggested to look at agreements used by Eagan Parks and Recreation Department as a starting point. The Board does like and support the idea. The Board also wants Hardware Hank to know they are working hard to get this program going.

#### **XI. Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Membership**

Gallagher was contacted by the Director of MAWD with a membership opportunity. They have now opened their membership up to WMOs as non-voting members. For a first time fee of \$500 the E-IGHWMO could become a member and receive a ticket to the summer tour. In future years membership could cost as much as \$1,500. The Board decided that a non-voting membership is not worth the cost.

#### **XII. Master Water Stewards (MWS) Activity Updates**

Foss provided an update that she has been doing some maintenance on public raingardens/bioretenion areas. Reymann and Lencowski both volunteered to staff the booth at Lakefest with other MWS. It was noted that in future years a more interactive and kid friendly display would help draw people into the booth. There will also be a few MWS at the booth at Marketfest on Wednesday. The next Marketfest where MWS will have a booth is in August. Reymann mentioned he attended the LCW classes and was very impressed. He intended to install a raingarden but has decided not to as the amount of physical work is too much to take on.

#### **XIII. Community Updates**

Eagan Water Resources had their plant harvester and water monitoring boat at Eagan's Big Rig event. Over 1,000 people attended and the even provided a good opportunity for city water resource staff to talk with citizens about water quality. Eagan also had Lakefest with around 300 in attendance. The rain and poor weather likely affected attendance.

Inver Grove Heights just completed rehabilitation on 60 roadside raingardens. They hosted a workshop for homeowners that have a raingarden and are responsible for maintenance. Of the 60 invited, 20 showed up and signed up for further assistance with a site visit. Their new half-time stormwater staff will do the site visits. The next step will be enforcement. The city also has a number of street reconstruction projects underway that include stormwater improvements.

#### **XIV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Education and Outreach Plan 2019-2022 Draft
- Rainbarrel program
- Library backpacks
- Local Water Plan Chapters
- Master Water Stewards

#### **XV. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Workman-Jesness, second by Foss to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.