



Minutes of the **Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting** held July 14, 2014.

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Humphrey at 4:04 p.m.

Roll of Attendance

**Supervisors present:**

**Others present:**

<b><u>Supervisors present:</u></b>	<b><u>Others present:</u></b>
Janelle Anderson	Joe Lochner, RCD Staff
Mara Humphrey	Samantha Kreibich, RCD Staff
Margaret Behrens	Ann WhiteEagle, RCD Staff
Carrie Wasley, arrived 4:12	Seth Ristow, RCD Staff
Gwen Willems	Mike Schumann, RCD Staff
	Ann Horner, Conservation Corp Member
	Eric Lindberg, RCD Staff
	Michelle Wohlers, NRCS

A. Approval of Agenda: **Motion by Supervisor Willems and Supervisor Behrens seconded** to approve the final agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Announcements: The Board was sent a list of upcoming meetings in the board packets. **Motion by Supervisor Willems and Supervisor Behrens seconded** to approve the following as Special Meetings: RCD Tour, Monday, August 11, 2014 from 9:00-11:00am, beginning at the Ramsey County Court House, 15 Kellogg Ave, St. Paul and Ramsey County Budget Hearing, Tuesday, August 12, 2014 from 1:30-4:30pm, Ramsey County Court House, 3rd Floor Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Staff Reports: The staff updated the board on recent projects and activities.

3. NRCS Report: Michelle Wohlers with the Local Work Group Meeting: Ms. Wohlers distributed a handout from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist with the work group meeting. It highlighted the history and goals of the NRCS and clarified that an agricultural producer in Ramsey County may be different than in rural counties, such as orchards and community gardens. She brought attention to the NRCS programs that were applicable in Ramsey County and asked the Board if they had conservation practices that should be a priority. Her suggestion was to target potential users of high tunnels and vegetable growers. Supervisor Willems mentioned the urban farm proposed for Falcon Heights as a point of contact. Ms. Wohlers also offered to have the staff member involved in outreach to urban areas to come to a board meeting with more information.

4. RCLLG/RCD Groundwater Event: Supervisor Behrens gave an update on the proposed groundwater meeting, scheduled for September 25, 2014. She drafted a list of potential speakers and the Board discussed the different speakers and by consensus the group decided to see if the following speakers were available: Perry Jones (USGS), Paul Bolstad (UMN), and Pete Boulay (MN Climatology). Supervisor Behrens explained that

the cost of street sweeping is a concern she is hearing from several cities. Supervisor Willems suggested contacting Jana Larson (Center for Global Environmental Education) to present on what the Como Lake neighborhood is doing to assist with street sweeping efforts.

5. Approval of Standing Reports:

A. Secretary’s Report – Minutes of June 23, 2014

**Motion by Supervisor Willems and Supervisor Behrens seconded** to approve the minutes with amendments to the well sealing table. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Action Items

A. Approval of June, 2014 Supervisor Expense Claims: **Resolution 14-07-01**. Supervisor Wasley moved and Supervisor Willems seconded. Resolved the Board approved reimbursement of the June expense claims as submitted by Supervisors Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, and Willems.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

B. Approval of the CWF Well Sealing Reimbursement: **Resolution 14-07-02**. Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Willems seconded. Resolved the Board approved the following reimbursements:

Owner	Address	Receipt Rec'd	Reimburse
Florence LeMay	3678 Kenny Lane White Bear Lake, MN 55110	\$1,525.00	\$750.00
Loren Mack	2544 Beacon St Roseville, MN 55113	\$763.00	\$381.50
Keith Stomberg	3899 Victoria St Shoreview, MN 55126	\$1,606.00	\$750.00
Edward Xiong	2334 Larpenteur Ave E, Maplewood, MN 55109	\$1,565.00	\$750.00

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

C. Ramsey County Budget Hearing/Tour: Ann explained the projects chosen for the tour that the RCD could utilize the Green Line for most of the tour for the Ramsey County Commissioners, but that because of the tight timeline, she suggested renting a van. The estimated price was approximately \$400.

**Resolution 14-07-03**. Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Willems seconded. Resolved the Board approved renting a van for up to \$400 for the RCD Tour.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

The board discussed the Ramsey County Budget Hearing and Supervisors Behrens, Wasley, and Willems offered to speak at the hearing. The focus of the hearings this year will be on the Critical Success Indicators and the new goal, which is, "Cultivate economic prosperity and combat concentrated areas of financial poverty." It was decided that Supervisor Behrens will discuss the upcoming groundwater event, along with highlights from outreach opportunities, such as the tour. Supervisor Wasley will discuss the budget and grant opportunities, and Supervisor Willems will also discuss grants along with the Critical Success Indicators. Ann and Supervisor Humphrey will email talking points.

D. Redistricting Discussion: Eric distributed maps that he created which were developed from criteria discussed at the June board meeting for redistricting the board according to population, as well as on city and watershed boundaries. The board discussed numerous options. Ann questioned whether the districts had to be contiguous. Eric will work on two models for the next board meeting, one with the current districts moved south and St. Paul split three ways and the other model suggested by Supervisor Anderson, with three horizontal zones, again with St. Paul split into three districts.

E. VLAWMO Sucker Lake Channel Agreement: Ann explained that the RCD submitted a proposal for stabilizing the Sucker Lake Channel and it was accepted by VLAWMO. **Resolution 14-07-04.** Supervisor Willems moved and Supervisor Wasley second. Resolved the Board approved the Chair signing the Professional Service Agreement with VLAWMO for the Sucker Lake Channel, not to exceed \$7,160.00.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

F. MASWCD Awards: Ann stated that at the annual conference for the MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the RCD has had a nomination for Outstanding Conservationist, though not all SWCDs submit a nomination. She suggested for 2014 to nominate CRWD and the Green Line Project for the MPCA Community Conservationist Award, which honors organizations for the implementation of conservation practices in a community environment. The Board concurred. Supervisor Humphrey suggested that Representative Fischer would be a deserving recipient for Outstanding Legislator.

7. Standing Committee Reports – The Board reported on the committee meetings they attended.

- A. Metro Conservation Districts – Supervisor Willems
- B. Rice Creek Advisory Committee – Supervisor Anderson
- C. Watershed Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed Districts— Supervisor Behrens
- D. Capitol Region Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee – Supervisor Willems
- E. Ramsey County League of Local Governments – Supervisor Behrens
- F. VLAWMO Advisory Committee – Supervisor Behrens
- G. Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission – Supervisor Wasley
- H. White Bear Lake CD Lake Level Committee – Supervisor Behrens
- I. Metro MAWD – Supervisor Willems

8. Next Regular Meeting Date –Monday, August 11, 2014.

9. Adjournment: **Motion by Supervisor Wasley, Supervisor Humphrey seconded** to adjourn at 5:45 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Ann WhiteEagle.