

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

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Date:October 8, 2013From:Laura Jester, AdministratorTo:BCWMC CommissionersRE:Administrator's Report

Since the September Commission meeting, I have spent time coordinating and attending various meetings, and responding to issues including correspondence and coordination for the following:

- Polling stakeholders of Medicine Lake (as directed by Administrative Services Committee) to understand various issues and impacted uses on Medicine Lake
- Responding to residents and the press (KARE 11, Lakeshore Weekly News) regarding the concerns and comments on the Four Seasons Area Water Quality Project; corresponding with Chair Black, Mr. Asche, and Commissioner Welch regarding the outcomes of the Commission meeting and moving forward
- Assisting the DNR with their evaluation of restoration projects that received FY2010 Clean Water Funds including gathering materials from Commission Engineer, Golden Valley and Plymouth
- Gathering and summarizing water quality monitoring information for the Watershed Plan
- Assisting with the development of a lake classification table for the Watershed Plan
- Preparing and distributing announcements for the October Commission Workshop
- Assisting with correspondence with Hennepin County regarding the 2014 tax levy

The following table provides detail on my activities September 1 - 30.

Administration – Correspondence, informational meetings, general administration:

Phone and email correspondence with various Commissioners, TAC members, consultants and other partners including: S. Virnig, J. Oliver, K. Chandler, A. Herbert, B. Wozney (BWSR), C. LeFevere, Chair Black, D. Asche, C. Carlson, Mayor Holter, developers, state agencies

Responding to residents' concerns, talking with Chair Black, M. Welch, D. Asche, Kare 11, and Lakeshore Weekly News re: Four Seasons Mall Area Project

Coordination of fish surveys on Twin/Sweeney – open gate, take photos; correspondence with G. Wilson (Barr Engineering) re: Chloride impairment listings; with Minnetonka staff re: Ridgedale Mall Project; with DNR re: evaluation assessment of 2010 Clean Water Fund grant projects; with GV residents re: streambank erosion issues; with Hennepin County request for 2014 budget; etc.

Administration – Meeting attendance:

- 9-4-13 Budget Committee Meeting
- 9-9-13 Pre-permitting Meeting re: Schaper Pond
- 9-9-13 Dispute Resolution Committee Meeting
- 9-9-13 Education Committee Meeting
- 9-10-13 WMWA Meeting
- 9-16-13 Meeting with City of Medicine Lake
- 9-18-13 Administrative Services Committee Meeting

9-19-13 BCWMC Meeting

Administration – Preparing agendas, meeting materials, meeting notes, follow up:

Develop meeting agendas and materials for BCWMC meeting, review meeting notes for follow up tasks; develop agendas and materials, review related documents, and draft meeting notes for multiple committee meetings including Dispute Resolution, Budget, Education, Administrative Services, TAC

Administration – Document review and development:

Review invoices, and materials/history related to Schaper Pond and Medicine Lake Dam

Administration - Watershed Management Plan Development:

Review draft policies; distribute agenda and meeting materials; attend 9-16-13 Plan Steering Committee meeting and draft meeting notes; attend 9-23-13 Plan Steering Committee meeting; drafting lake classification criteria

In the coming month, I plan to work on the following items:

- Assist with preparations and follow up tasks for Commission and committee meetings
- Continue gathering input of Medicine Lake issues
- Work to post pertinent Watershed Plan Development materials online
- Continue to gather and post materials for new Commissioners
- Continue gathering information on existing water monitoring projects/programs in the watershed for use in the development of the Watershed Plan
- Begin developing financial policies
- Begin developing a policy or process for transferring and documenting CIP payment information to the Deputy Treasurer and onto Commissioners and TAC members