



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday April 3, 2024

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wirth Lake Room, Brookview

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. COMMUNICATIONS & UPDATES

- A. Education Content from WMWA

3. BUSINESS

- A. Joint Powers Agreement Update

Opportunity to discuss thoughts on initial draft of updated JPA and related topics.

- B. Consider Adding Cost Share Program to 5-year CIP

At various points in the recent past, the TAC has requested that the Commission add a new budget line to the CIP to incentivize (cost share) “above and beyond” BMPs with private entities. Although the Commission has not agreed to this request in the past, there is precedence for this in an adjacent watershed: Shingle Creek WMC includes \$50,000 – \$100,000 per year in its CIP for its city and partnership cost share programs. The TAC could consider recommending a similar new line item in TAC’s proposed 5-year CIP going to the Commission in April.

- C. Continue Discussion on H&H Model Conversion Scope – see attachment from March meeting

At the TAC meeting in March, the scope and budget for the H&H model conversion and update project was presented by Commission Engineers. Some project elements and funding options were discussed. There appeared to be consensus that Task 1 (converting from XP-SWMM to PC-SWMM \$43,500) was important to complete. The TAC should continue to discuss options for implementing all or parts of the project.

Additional funding options are being explored by commission staff including the use of the Flood Control Project (FCP) Long Term Maintenance Account, using annual operating funds to “pay back” the long-term fund over a certain timeframe, applying for State and Federal grants, etc.

Another option discussed by the Budget Committee is levying through Hennepin County for maintenance funds. Shingle Creek WMC currently levies about \$50,000 per year for their project maintenance fund. The TAC could consider a similar recommendation to the Commission. Although the H&H modeling project may not be able an allowable expenditure for maintenance funding, the FCP Long Term Maintenance Account could be used to fund the H&H project, and the levied maintenance funds could be used to back fill the long-term account.

- D. 2025 Operating Budget

The Budget Committee met on March 22nd and discussed various scenarios for the 2025 operating budget. Expenses in most budget lines are expected to be the same or even lower than 2024. However, a low fund balance (savings from previous years, which could change when audit is complete) impacts city assessments. Additionally, two new proposed budget items (H&H model and additional staff capacity) would also impact city assessments. Staff will bring potential budget scenarios to the meeting and is seeking TAC input to help inform future Budget Committee discussions.

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