

Special Meeting Minutes

Water Management Rules Informational Meeting – Government Agencies



Date:	Wednesday, October 22, 2024
Location:	Wells Fargo Building, Second Floor Meeting Room 211 Holmes St. West, Detroit Lakes MN
Managers Present:	Rick Michaelson, Charles Jasken, Laurie Olson, Phil Hansen, Dennis Kral (via IT), Chris Jasken
Managers Absent:	Orrin Okeson
Staff:	Administrator Guetter, Water Resource Coordinator Kemper, Office Coordinator Bach
Consultants	Lukas Croaker (Ohnstad Twichell), Garrett Monson (Moore Engineering), Chad Engles (Moore Engineering)
Others:	Jon Pratt (City of Detroit Lakes), Nate Lucas (Lakes Area Landscaping), Pete Waller (BWSR), Scott Schroeder (MPCA), Bryan Malone (Becker SWCD), Ed Clem (Becker SWCD), Rodger Hemphill (MN DNR), Sally Hausken (Greater Sucker Creek), Kyle Vareberg (Becker County), Larry Remmen (City of Detroit Lakes), Shawn King (City of Detroit Lakes), Matt Boeke (City of Detroit Lakes), Kelcey Klemm (City of Detroit Lakes)

- 1. Call to Order – The Special Managers’ meeting was called to order by President Michaelson at 1:00 PM.**
- 2. Rules Revision Process Information Presentation–Monson (Moore Engineering) – attached hereto.** Engineer Monson presented on the Rules Revision process, including, District Water Management goals, Watershed Law (MN Stat 103D), Drainage Law (MN Stat 103E), outside guidance (MPCA, Otter Tail 1 Watershed 1 Plan, MS4, MN DNR), permit thresholds, process, and next steps.
- 3. Questions and Comments - Engineer Monson**

City of Detroit Lakes – Kelcey Klemm, Administrator: briefly reviewed September 1, 2023 letter to the District regarding stormwater regulations. Proposed draft rules increase stormwater management requirements in certain geographical areas and commercial sites (district-wide versus shoreland district) and thresholds for permits (impervious surface coverage). Raised concerns with “oversizing ponds” – holding 100-year back-to-back rainfall events for landlocked basins. Clarify types of projects requiring licensed professional plans. Flow chart – further definition/clarity with decision-making process. MOU between the District and the City for near shore and riparian lot mitigation assistance is working smoothly.

City of Detroit Lakes- Matt Boeke, City Council- Detroit and Long Lakes are important to the City. Raised concerns with duplication of services, rules may hinder future redevelopment efforts within the downtown area, scientific data to support proposed rule changes.

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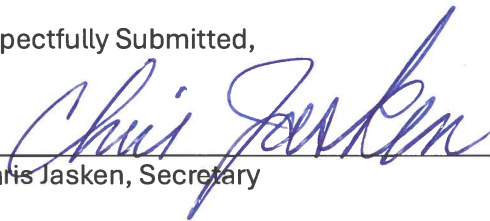
City of Detroit Lakes- Jon Pratt, City Engineer- for redevelopment sites consider “incremental” approach – something is better than nothing. Reiterated prior comments regarding volume control and requirements which increase stormwater pond sizing (rate control), and special treatment areas- increased volume requirement (1.6” rainfall)). Suggested including flexible treatment options.

Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District – Ed Clem – Recommended review Becker County Shoreland ordinance requirements pertaining to residential stormwater management/mitigation as their ordinance has different thresholds/requirements than the District and City of Detroit Lakes - mitigation non-conforming riparian lots required mitigation between 15%- 25% impervious surface lot coverage. Clem suggested to review and potentially align the various standards.

Becker County Planning and Zoning - Kyle Vareberg – stormwater management threshold of 7,000 S.F in Shoreland District. Discussed only on riparian lots.

Meeting Adjourned by Manager Michaelson 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Chris Jasken, Secretary

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Meeting Approved