



*Scott Watershed Management Organization*

*200 Fourth Avenue West*

*Shakopee, MN 55379-1220*

**MINUTES**

**Scott County WMO – Watershed Planning Commission**

**County Boardroom**

**February 24, 2020**

**Members Present:**

Virgil Pint  
Joe Thill  
Brian Schmidt  
Rita Weaver  
Kevin Shea

**Staff Present:**

Vanessa Strong  
Ryan Holzer  
Beverly Cox-Alexander  
Troy Kuphal

**Others Present:**

Bruce Loney  
Tom Wolf

**Absent:**

Mark Vierling

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Weaver called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Specific details and video of the entire February 24, 2020 Scott County WMO Watershed Planning Commission Meeting is available for viewing on the Scott County Website.

The video link can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQYcs8gvqrQ>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Commissioner Pint; second by Commissioner Shea to approve the February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 Meeting Agenda as amended below. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Amended Agenda**

**Removal of New Business Item**

**a.) Shakopee Water Management Plan**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 25, 2019:**

**Motion by Commissioner Schmidt; and Second by Commissioner Shea to approve the November 25, 2019 minutes as written and presented. .**

**Motion Carried:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Abstain: 1**

**RECOGNITION OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**

Citizen, Tom Hanzel was present and commented on the drainage of Clarks Lake. Mr. Hanzel inquired if the easement on Clark's Lake has expired and what conclusion has the Watershed Management Organization come to as Clark's Lake is currently drained.

*Vanessa Strong, Water Resources Supervisor commented; staff will look into this and report back to Mr. Hanzel*

Bruce Looney introduced himself. Bruce is the WMO liaison representing the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District and is taking over for Charles Howley

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020**

**CHAIR**

**Motion by Commissioner Pint; and Second by Commissioner Shea to elect Rita Weaver as the 2020 Watershed Planning Commission Chair. The motion carried unanimously.**

**VICE CHAIR**

**Motion by Commissioner Weaver; and Second by Commissioner Thill to elect Virgil Pint as the 2020 Watershed Planning Commission Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.**

## STAFF REPORTS:

### SCOTT SWCD:

Troy Kuphal provided highlights of the February 24, 2020 SWCD report that is available in the meeting packet

Technical Assistance and Cost Share Requests; currently managing approximately 250 service request cases.

#### Marketing and Promotion

##### Soil Health / Cover Crop

The cover crop workshop date has been changed to March 19<sup>th</sup> due to speaker conflict

A "Cover Crop 101" workshop is schedule for March 4<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm

The SWCD met with Ken Thomas from Farmer's Mill regarding program collaboration

#### Clean Water Education Program (SCWEP)

Awarded a BWSR "Lawns to Legumes" grant for \$20766.00

SWCD met with Cedar Lake Improvement District members to assist and partner with them on developing public outreach strategic plan

2020 workshops at the Spring Lake Town Hall

    Raingarden workshop scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>

    Shoreline workshop scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Monitoring

##### Volunteer Rainfall Monitoring

    This past January precipitation amounts at the average level

#### Wetland Conservation Act

##### Helena Wetland Bank

#### Tree Program (SWCD)

    Launched on January 1st

#### Equipment Rental Use

    Set a record year in 2019

#### Cooperative Weed Management (CWM) Program

    Successful in receiving a \$10,000.00 MDA Noxious Weed Grant

#### WMO TACS Program Action By SWCD Board

##### Payments

    Casey Acres, Inc. (Cover Crop)

    Perez, Manuel (Conservation Cover)

    Scheffler, Hilary (Cover Crop)

    Scheffler, Travis (Cover Crop)

##### New Application

    Pexa, Scott (Water & Sediment Control)

### SCOTT WMO:

Updates from Vanessa Strong

Melissa Bokman is back from medical leave and is currently teleworking limited hours

Staff is working very hard on end of year financials

The WMO completed all (18) grant reports to BWSR on time, with Ryan Holzer taking on much of the role

Last month, Vanessa Strong attended a legislative breakfast for McMahon Lake

Senator Pratt and Representative Albright introduced SF3022 and HF3233 to provide a \$600,000.00 grant for McMahon Lake which will assist in providing a permanent outlet for McMahon Lake as it is currently landlocked

There will be a hearing anytime with staff attending as well as at least (1) resident

The County has been approached by the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District to discuss collaboration opportunities

There will be a joint workshop with the Board, SWMO, WPC and the Spring Lake Watershed District sometime in April

Staff working heavily on plan reviews

The County has been selected for a Level II PRAP Audit by BWSR. Staff will know more regarding the audit on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The County has also been selected for Municipal Storm Sewer MS4 Audit which will be led primarily by Megan Tasca

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Project Updates**

Updates from Ryan Holzer

At the previous meeting a video was viewed of the completed streambank stabilization

The project is largely wrapped up with restoration and plantings outstanding.

Once water levels recede these items will be completed.

EPA funds will be used

(2) grants are paying for this project

\$2.2 Million Clean Water Fund Grant is coming to an end

Ryan attended the MECA Conference (Minnesota Erosion Control Association)

Nature Conservancy was represented with a presentation on Cover Crops

Goal: 50% of all farm fields will be using cover crops

Presentation related to Sediment Sources in the LeSueur River

The study of analysis of sediment sources was similar to what the WMO found in sand Creek

Pond Clean out Project for the City of Champlin

Concluded with PJ Fleck as the capstone speaker

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Credit River Local Water Plan**

The Scott WMO received a revised Credit River Township Surface Water Management Plan and upon review concluded all requirements have been met. WMO staff recommends approval of the Credit River Local Water Plan.

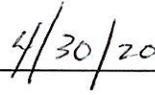
**Motion by Commissioner Pint; and Second by Commissioner Schmidt to approve the Credit River Township Surface Water Management Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURN MEETING**

**Motion by Commissioner Shea and Second by Commissioner Thill to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 PM. The motion carried unanimously.**



**Rita Weaver**  
Chair, Watershed Planning Commission



**Date**



**Beverly Cox-Alexander**  
Secretary