



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
Rule Revision and 2018 Budget Workshop
Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 at 5:30 PM**

Washington Conservation Center, 455 Hayward Ave N, Oakdale, MN 55128

ROLL CALL

Managers Present:	Others Present:
Craig Leiser, President (<i>arrived 6:15pm</i>)	Karen Kill, Administrator
Sharon Schwarze, Vice-President	Ryan Fleming, EOR, BCWD engineer
Connie Taillon, Treasurer	Michael Welch, Smith Partners, legal counsel
Anne Maule Miller, Vice-President	
Gerald Johnson, Secretary	

1. Call Special Meeting to Order

Manager Schwarze called the Special Meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Manager Schwarze noted that the special meeting was being held at the Washington Conservation Center because neither Family Means nor another suitable facility within the watershed was available.

2. Approve Special Meeting Agenda

Manager Taillon, seconded by Manager Johnson, moved to approve the special meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0.

3. Proposed Rule Revision Discussion

Ryan Fleming, Karen Kill and Michael Welch presented the draft revised rules dated July 24, 2017.

While the Board was generally supportive of the proposed changes, the following topics may require additional revisions:

- Definitions:
 - Land Altering Activities – fix reference to “land disturbing” activities.

Managers:

Craig Leiser, President • Sharon Schwarze, Vice-President • Anne Maule Miller, Vice-President
• Gerald Johnson, Secretary • Connie Taillon, Treasurer

The Board discussed the revision of the definition that states typical farming practices are not land altering activity and reviewed how this would then impact rule 3.4 Agricultural practices, which states, “A Rule 3.0 permit is not required for agricultural activity, provided that a grass or natural vegetation buffer zone extending ~~sixteen~~ **fifty (16-50)** feet or the width of an applicable shore impact zone, whichever **is** wider, is maintained along any waterbody, wetland or surface drainage conveyance and no fertilizer is used in the zone.”

The Board recommended to remove section 3.4 agricultural practices from the rules and retain the recommended change to the definition of land altering activities regarding farming practices.

President Leiser arrived 6:15pm

- Land locked basin – “2000 Washington County topo” is no longer available from Washington County website, but instead says the data is expired and refers users to the 2011 LiDAR data. Review how this change in data set would affect the rules.
- Management 1, 2, 3 and Preserve classifications- No changes to the definitions, but the Board requested that the wetland classification system be brought to the Board for a future training topic.
- Rule 1.0 Procedural Requirements– Board discussed the changes to the public notice requirements and were comfortable with proposed revisions.
- Rule 2.0 Stormwater Management Rules:
 - 2.2 Applicability - Board is supportive of changing the applicability to development and redevelopment creating impervious surface that, in the aggregate, equals 10,000 square feet or more of a site. They discussed several scenarios and felt comfortable with applying this rule to single-family homes.
 - 2.2 Applicability – The Board generally supported the direction of the revised rules for linear projects, but would like further revision brought back to the Board to address the difficulty for linear projects to meet the stormwater rules for 50% of new and reconstructed impervious surfaces when there are D soils. The managers directed staff to ensure clarity with regard to application of the groundwater-dependent natural resources requirements to linear projects.

Recess 8:00-8:05PM

- Board supportive of all other changes to Rule 2.0.
- The managers concurred in staff’s determination that while chloride contamination in water resources is a growing concern, BCDW should education and outreach initiatives on the topic.
- Rule 3.0 Erosion Control – Discussed proposed changes to address temporary sedimentation basins and dewatering. The Board supported proposed changes as presented.
- Rule 4.0 Buffers:

- 4.2 Applicability – Discussed staff consideration of changes to the applicability. Board agreed to not change applicability at this time beyond clarifications to the language.
- 4.3.3 – Board agreed that the language was not intended to allow grading in the buffer and feels the change to state “existing” contour alterations clarifies the rule.
- Rule 5.0 and 6.0 – No further changes recommended by Board.
- Rule 7.0 Floodplain and Drainage Alterations – Board supportive of proposed revisions, but wants to further review how the rule may address providing freeboard for existing homes in the situation where a new stormwater basin is proposed adjacent to existing buildings.

Staff will further revise the rules based on discussion and bring the changes back to the Board at an upcoming regular meeting. Once the Board of Managers agree with the recommended changes, staff will begin developing the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR). Once the final draft of the rules and the SONAR are complete, these documents will be brought back to the Board to authorize distribution for the 45-day statutory review. This will likely be at the September 2017 regular meeting.

4. 2018 Draft Budget Discussion

Administrator Kill briefly reviewed the draft budget. The Board would like to see the draft budget include color coded information regarding which items are required to meet existing obligations (such as payment to Washington County for the property on 110th Street), continuing an existing project, and those that are new projects. Additionally, the Board requested that the administrator revise the draft budget to include additional staff support for the administrator.

The Board requested that the budget be brought back on August 9, 2017 regular board meeting and that the start be moved to 6:00pm.

5. Adjournment

Manager Johnson, seconded by Manager Maule Miller, moved to adjourn at 9:58 PM.
Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by
Karen Kill, Administrator and Gerald Johnson, Secretary

Gerald Johnson