

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EWM/EXOTICS TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

8:30 a.m., Friday, January 8, 2010

LMCD Office, 23505 Smithtown Road (Suite 120), Shorewood, MN 55331

Present: Herb Suerth, LMCD Board; Dick Woodruff, LMCD Board; Lisa Whalen, LMCD Board; Jay Rendall, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR); Chip Welling, MN DNR; Tim Ohmann, MN DNR; John Barten, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); Randy Lehr, TRPD; John Skogerboe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Dick Osgood, Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA); Richard Glidewell, LMA; Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director.

Minutes

Osgood requested that the last paragraph on page one of the December 4th EWM/Exotics Task Force Meeting be struck. Although this discussion might have taken place, he did not think that it was necessary in the minutes

Suerth stated that if this discussion took place, he questioned why there was a need to strike this paragraph.

The consensus of the Task Force was to table approval of the draft minutes to allow LMCD staff to review the audio tape of what was actually communicated at this meeting. A number of Task Force members stated that it appeared that this section of the draft minutes was a summary of the discussion.

Whalen recommended that some discussion by the Task Force was needed on Code of Conduct for appointed committee members in the near future. This would ensure that a joint or cohesive message was being communicated by all Task Force members.

LMA, review of draft RFP for 2010 Coordinated Herbicide Treatment Project

Suerth asked for background on this agenda item from Osgood.

Osgood stated that Welling had recently submitted e-mailed comments on the draft Request for Proposal (RFP), which he agreed with. He requested that the Task Force allow him to work with Welling and Skogerboe on finalizing this draft RFP.

The Task Force provided feedback on the draft RFP, which is summarized as following:

- Barten recommended re-wording letter “d” on page one so that it reads “Proposes alternatives to minimize damage to water lilies”.
- Nybeck stated that the insurance requirements on the last page need to be updated so that they are consistent with the 2009 project. He also recommended that language be added to clarify that the decision on the herbicide applicator(s) would be done in consultation with the EWM/Exotics Task Force.

- Whalen requested clarification of letter “f” on page one that states “Provides assurances on a specified level of control to be achieved”. If this is a guarantee, she questioned the need for it. Otherwise, quotes should be received with and without a guarantee. A discussion took place by Task Force members of whether a guarantee was needed in 2010, with no consensus.
- Woodruff stated that on page four under “Treatment Areas”, he questioned what “with the minor exclusions or additions to be agreed prior to the application” meant. Osgood stated that he envisioned that this meant adjustments within the 2008 and 2009 footprint treatment area.
- Woodruff stated that language needs to be added to the RFP that places the burden of notifying the public more effectively when irrigation restrictions have been lifted, whether or not they have participated in the project. A discussion took place on MN DNR signage requirements, what herbicide applicators are actually doing, and resident responsibilities on maintaining this signage to notify the public that a treatment has occurred.
- Welling stated that adding language to the RFP for delineating the areas to be treated by the herbicide applicator might be helpful, although not necessary.
- Skogerboe stated that language should be added that his analysis was being offered as an independent source rather than from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Osgood stated that he would make the necessary changes to the draft RFP based on the discussion at this Task Force meeting. After this has been updated, he stated that he would finalize the draft RFP working with Welling and Skogerboe. He envisioned that quotes would be brought back for discussion at the February EWM/Exotics Task Force Meeting.

Discussion of draft 2010 Lake Minnetonka AIS Prevention Plan

Suerth asked for background on this agenda item from Osgood.

Osgood stated that a December 30th Working Draft was prepared based on discussion at the last Task Force Meeting, as well as follow-up discussion with Rendall and Lehr. This draft is intended to be a scaled back version with interim recommendations for 2010. In the meantime, Rendall has proposed a draft Lake Minnetonka AIS Prevention Plan matrix, dated January 4th, which is consistent with the State of Minnesota Plan. He believed that the recommendations from the December 30th Working Plan could be plugged into the matrix provided by Rendall.

Rendall stated that this draft matrix was taken from the State Plan. This has been prepared where it is a template for any organization to be used as an implementation table. He revised this matrix to where he believed it could be used as a starting point for the Lake Minnetonka area, based on the discussion at the previous Task Force meetings.

The Task Force discussed how the December 30th Working Draft, including what should remain and what should be deleted. The Task Force also discussed how this Working Draft could be included in the draft matrix provided by Rendall. The consensus of the Task Force was for Osgood to update the matrix, based on the discussion at this meeting, and to bring this matrix for discussion at the February EWM/Exotics Task Force Meeting.

Additional Business

There was no additional business.

Next EWM/Exotics Task Force Meeting

The EWM/Exotics Task Force Meeting was scheduled for Friday, 2/12/10 at 8:30 a.m. in the LMCD office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director