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| Title: | Appointment of an Additional TAC Member for the Land & Water Partnership Initiative | |
| Resolution number: | 22-059 | |
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| Recommended action: | Appoint one additional member to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Land & Water Partnership Initiative | |
| Schedule: | September 2022-January 2023: Technical Advisory Committee Meetings | |
| Past Board action: | Res # 21-090 | Title: Authorization to Initiate Stakeholder Engagement Process for Permitting Alignment and Responsive Program |
| | Res # 22-051 | Title: Appointment of Technical Advisory Committee for the Land & Water Partnership Initiative |

Summary:

At the December 16, 2021 Board Meeting, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Board of Managers authorized the initiation of a stakeholder engagement process for the Land & Water Partnership Initiative, which is focused on strengthening collaboration with cities and other key partners to support the implementation of impactful projects that benefit the watershed and communities. The stakeholder engagement plan included establishment of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) made up of staff representatives across the cities, counties, and park agencies in the watershed. The role of the TAC will be to advise the MCWD on program and policy changes designed to promote partnership, including:

- Land & Water Partnership Program: Development of a new program to provide funding and technical support for partner projects that provide significant water resource benefit
- Permitting Program Alignment: Streamlining the MCWD's regulatory process and rules to improve customer service, align with state requirements, reduce duplication of efforts, and promote early coordination for projects

On July 7, 2022, a kickoff mailing was sent to staff and policymakers at the cities, counties, and other partner agencies to introduce the initiative and invite them to complete an interest form indicating how they would like to engage. MCWD staff also had many calls and meetings with partners to discuss the initiative. Based on these conversations, and the interest form submittals, 17 TAC members and 9 alternates were recommended by staff and appointed by the Board at the August 11, 2022 Board Meeting.

In a recent coordination meeting, staff at the City of Orono expressed interest in also joining the TAC. Staff is recommending the addition of the following TAC member and alternate to represent the City of Orono:

- Melanie Curtis, Planner – primary representative
- Laura Oakden, Community Development Director - alternate

This would bring the total membership to 18, with 10 alternates, as shown in the attached list. The first TAC meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2022.

TAC members for the Land & Water Partnership Initiative:

| Organization | Primary Representative | Alternate |
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| City of Edina | Jessica Vanderwerff Wilson, Water Resources Manager | |
| City of Hopkins | Ryan Krzos, City Planner | |
| City of Maple Plain | Dylan Hoflock, Public Works Superintendent | |
| City of Medina | Dusty Finke, City Planner | |
| City of Minneapolis | Elizabeth Stout, Water Resources Manager | Shahram Missaghi, Water Resources Coordinator |
| City of Minnetonka | Sarah Schweiger, Water Resources Engineering Coordinator | Leslie Yetka, Natural Resources Manager |
| City of Orono | Melanie Curtis, Planner | Laura Oakden, Community Development Director |
| City of Plymouth | Chris LaBounty, City Engineer | Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor |
| City of Richfield | Chad Donnelly, Assistant Utility Superintendent | |
| City of St. Louis Park | Erick Francis, Water Resources Manager | Phil Elkin, Engineering Services Manager; Mike Bahe, Natural Resources Manager |
| City of Victoria | Cara Geheren, City Engineer | |
| City of Wayzata | Mike Kelly, City Engineer | Emily Goellner, Community Development Director |
| WSB, representing Deephaven | Rebecca Haug, Sr. Project Manager | |
| Bolton and Menk, representing Greenwood, Maple Plain, Mound, Orono, St. Bonifacius, Shorewood, Woodland | Bob Bean, Water Resources Project Engineer | |
| Carver Soil and Water Conservation District | Mike Wanous, District Manager | |
| Hennepin County | Drew McGovern, Senior Water Resources Engineer | Karen Galles, Land and Water Supervisor; Kris Guentzel, Senior Water Resources Specialist |
| Three Rivers Park District | Kelly Grissman, Director of Planning | Jami Markle, Director of Natural Resources |
| Metropolitan Council | Jen Kostrzewski, Principal Environmental Scientist | |



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- WHEREAS, on December 16, 2021, the MCWD Board of Managers authorized the initiation of a stakeholder engagement process for the Land & Water Partnership Initiative, which is focused on strengthening collaboration with cities and other key partners to support the implementation of impactful projects that benefit the watershed and communities;
- WHEREAS, the stakeholder engagement plan included establishment of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) made up of technical staff across the cities, counties, and park agencies in the District;
- WHEREAS, the role of the TAC will be to advise MCWD on program and policy changes designed to promote partnership, including the development of the Land & Water Partnership program and improvements to the Permitting Program;
- WHEREAS, MCWD solicited the participation of interested technical staff from the municipalities, counties, and local agencies;
- WHEREAS, on August 11, 2022, the MCWD Board of Managers appointed 17 TAC members and 9 alternates; and
- WHEREAS, following these appointments, staff received an additional request from the City of Orono to participate on the TAC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MCWD Board of Managers appoints the following individuals to represent the City of Orono on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Land & Water Partnership Initiative:

- Melanie Curtis, Planner – primary representative
- Laura Oakden, Community Development Director - alternate

Resolution Number 22-059 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____. Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___ abstentions. Date: 9/22/2022

Secretary Date: _____