



Thursday, February 20, 2014

POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
Big Island Room
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Office
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Policy and Planning Committee Members: Jim Calkins, Chair; Dick Miller; Brian Shekleton

Note: No official action will be taken during committee meetings. Items discussed in committee may be continued, forwarded to another committee, or advanced to a Board workshop or meeting. Individuals who wish to speak to the committee members are encouraged to be in attendance when the meeting is called to order.

- 6:45-9:00 pm**
- 1. Committee Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call**
 - 2. Matters from the Floor**
Anyone wishing to address the Board of Managers on an item not on the agenda or on the consent agenda may come forward at this time. Comments are limited to two minutes.
 - 3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)**
 - 4. Information Items/Correspondence** *(Items listed under the Information/Correspondence section of the agenda will be considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed and discussed at the request of a Board member, staff member, or a member of the audience.)*
 - 4.1 None
 - 5. Discussion Items**
 - 5.1 Large Wetland Restoration Discussion – **Joel Toso, Mike Panzer**
 - 5.2 Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan – **Diane Spector**
 - Preliminary needs analysis
 - Review of 2007 goals & priorities
 - 6. Staff Updates**
 - 7. Adjournment**

Upcoming agenda items:

- Implementation of “*In Pursuit of a Balanced Urban Ecology*” policy framework
 - o Communicating to stakeholders about priorities and the CIP;
 - o Express commitment to complement the efforts of cities, private development; move away from regulatory-focused relationships; integrating our work into the plans and works of others; institutionalize the conversation;

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is committed to a leadership role in protecting, improving, and managing the surface waters and affiliated groundwater resources within the District, including their relationships to the ecosystems of which they are an integral part, through regulation, capital projects, education, cooperative endeavors, and other programs based on sound science, innovative thinking, an informed and engaged constituency, and cost effective use of public funds.

- Climate change and its impacts: drought and dredging pressures, storm events, mitigation of extremes;
 - Atlas 14 – TP40 indicates that 100 year events will have 0.1 – 1.5” more rainfall;
- Ground water – surface water relationships, and public awareness;
 - Water supply conservation; use of once-through cooling systems;
- Interface of cities and watershed district management plans; Local Government Unit roles in the Wetland Conservation Act; watershed rules and resolution of policy conflicts;

**No materials are provided.*