

## **Technical Advisory Committee**

### **July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

#### **Attendance:**

- Andover
  - Dave Berkowitz, Director of Public Works
  - Jason Law, Assistant City Engineer
- Anoka Conservation District
  - Chris Lord, District Manager
- Anoka County Highways
  - Michelle Pritchard, Design Engineer
- Blaine
  - Megan Hedstrom, Water Resources Coordinator
- Coon Creek Watershed District
  - Jon Janke, Director of Operations/Operations & Maintenance Coord.
  - Justine Dauphinais, Water Quality Coordinator
  - Jessica Lindemyer, Engagement Coordinator
  - Erin Margl, Watershed Development Coordinator
  - Abbey Lee, Watershed Development Manager
  - Tyler Thompson, Field Operations Manager
  - Emma Krause, Water Resource Intern
- Coon Rapids
  - Tim Himmer, Public Works Director
- Fridley
  - Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
- Ham Lake
  - Dave Krugler, City Engineer (RFC)
- Spring Lake Park
  - George Linngren, Public Works Director

**Absent:** Board of Water and Soil Resources, Columbus

## 1. Management Situation

Jon Janke provided the TAC with a brief update on recent weather and hydrology. There has been a lot of rain resulting in high water levels across the state. Fortunately, there has been little damage within the District. The Mississippi River crested in June and has been receding, however the landscape will remain vulnerable for several more weeks.

The District is seeing a lot of water appropriation permits coming in. The recent rains have made construction challenging but for the most part sites are keeping good erosion control and dewatering practices.

## 2. Concerns

Jon Janke gave a brief update on the Lower Coon Creek Corridor Restoration Project at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park stating that all landowner agreements are now in place with construction scheduled to begin next week.

Tim Himmer mentioned that the culvert work near Moore Park on Magnolia Street is moving forward.

Justine Dauphinais informed the TAC that the feasibility study for the Pleasure Creek Smart Outlet has come out favorably and is now moving into concept design.

Megan Hedstrom noted that the Alternative Urban Areawide Reviews (AUAR) for Northtown Mall and Blaine Town Center are on the agenda for the July 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting. A building permit for the Asia Mall has been received. Ground truthing of storm pipe network in and around the Blaine Town Center area is underway.

Dave Berkowitz announced that Andover has received a grant from the DNR for the Coon Creek Corridor Trail. In 2025 the City will be building the trail along the north side of Coon Creek from Prairie Road to the Shadowbrook North Development. Survey work will start this fall.

## 3. Briefs

### Changes to the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)

Erin Margl walked the TAC through some of the changes that are most pertinent to the group and provided a [written summary](#) of [BWSR's write up](#).

### Hydrology Model

Jon Janke explained that the District has been using an xpswmm model for many years as a regional model for the 100-yr flood. However, xpswmm is beginning to get phased out and will soon become obsolete. As such, the District is currently exploring options for new regional models that will meet

the District's current and emerging needs.

#### Comprehensive Plan

Jon Janke reminded the TAC of the Comprehensive Plan Update process that has happened to-date, thanking those who submitted comments. A public hearing on those comments, and the District's responses, is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Lord inquired about any changes that have been made to the budget as a result of comments received. Jon Janke confirmed that to his knowledge no changes have been made to the budget based on the comments received on the comprehensive plan.

#### **4. Other Water Management Concerns**

##### EPA Chemicals of Emerging Concern (CEC) and 6PPD-quinone

Justine Dauphinais recapped the information shared at the last TAC meeting.

#### **5. Announcements**

##### Salt Symposium

Jon Janke informed the TAC that the early bird registration deadline for the [Salt Symposium](#) has been extended to Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

##### Minnesota Clean Sweep Monthly Seminars

Justine Dauphinais shared information regarding the [Minnesota Clean Sweep monthly seminar series](#), noting that the August seminar will be touching on equipment in relation to both salting and sweeping.

**All handouts, materials, and presentations for this meeting can be found on the TAC Resource Webpage: <https://www.cooncreekwd.org/tac/>**