

MEMORANDUM
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

To: Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney
Subject: Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan

Date: November 2, 2020

Background/Discussion (adapted from 10/27/20 email from Jamie Schurbon)

At the October 26th Policy Committee meeting an updated joint powers collaboration (JPC) agreement for implementing the Lower St. Croix (LSC) Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan was recommended to the governing bodies. That agreement is enclosed. The purpose of this agenda item is for the CLFLWD Board to consider a resolution to join the JPC, adopt the plan, withdraw from the planning memorandum of agreement (MOA), and appoint representatives to the new implementation Policy Committee.

The deadline to become an initial party to the agreement is 60 days following Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approval of the plan. BWSR approval occurred on October 28, so the **deadline is December 28, 2020**. Partners may join the agreement after this time, but in that case would miss the opportunity to discuss and vote on the first annual work plan. The first annual plan is under development by the Steering Committee and will be discussed at the first implementation Policy Committee in early January (meeting date to be determined soon). Timelines are tight once we hit the new year, so staff are highly encouraged to engage at the Steering Committee level now.

Also enclosed you will find a memo explaining governing board actions needed and a resolution to consider adopting at either the November 10th workshop, November 19th regular meeting, or even the December 17th regular meeting if necessary. These were also included in the October 22 regular meeting packet. The memo is slightly updated and, in response to manager comments, counsel has revised the resolution. The packet includes a version showing the revision in redline.

The joint powers collaboration agreement is not open to edits. Everyone must sign an identical document.

Recommended Action

At this time, staff recommends the Board decide which of its board members will serve as the [Implementation] Policy Committee representative and alternate representative. As a reminder, Manager Schmaltz and Manager Anderson served as the [Planning] Policy Committee representative and alternate representative, respectively.

Additionally, the Board may adopt the resolution at the November 10th workshop (with the representatives' names written in), the November 19th regular board meeting, or even the December 17th regular board meeting if necessary.

Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to adopt resolution 20-11-01 with Manager _____ to serve as Policy Committee representative, and Manager _____ to serve as alternate. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attached:

- Memo explaining board actions (updated since October 22nd board packet)

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- Draft Resolution 20-11-01 (clean and redlined) (similar to October 22nd board packet with indicated revision and resolution number and dates updated for November 10th. Note that the representative names need to be filled in)
- JPC agreement (as approved by the Policy Committee on October 26th)