

MINUTES
March 10, 2022

A virtual meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Management Commissions was called to order by Chair Richard McCoy at 10:32 a.m., Thursday, March 10, 2022.

Present: Jay Hill, Brooklyn Center; Mitchell Robinson, Brooklyn Park; Heather Nelson, Champlin; Mark Ray, Crystal; Derek Asche, Maple Grove; Liz Stout and Katie Kowalczyk, Minneapolis; Nick Macklem, New Hope; Amy Riegel and Ben Scharenbroich, Plymouth; Richard McCoy, Robbinsdale; Diane Spector, Katie Kemmitt, and Erik Megow, Stantec; Steve Christopher, Board of Water and Soil Resources; and Amy Juntunen and Judie Anderson, JASS.

Not represented: Osseo.

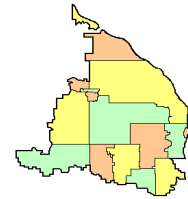
Also present: Burt Orred, Jr., Crystal; Karen Jaeger, Maple Grove; and Kris Guentzel, Hennepin County Dept. of Environment and Energy (HCEE).

- I. Motion by Ray, second by Riegel to **approve the agenda.*** *Motion carried unanimously.*
- II. Motion by Ray, second by Riegel to **approve the minutes*** of the February 10, 2022, meeting. *Motion carried unanimously.*
- III. **Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan.** Attached to Staff's March 3, 2022, memo* were three items for discussion:
 - A. Sample **Citizens Advisory Committee presentation*** of the Fourth Generation Plan given to the City of Maple Grove's Lake Quality Commission on February 16, 2022.
 - B. **Rules Revisions.** Updated memo* summarizing the need for and proposed language bringing the rules into conformance with the latest NPDES permit and some other housekeeping changes. Members were asked to review the Rules and Standards* and propose final edits with the goal of having a "clean" edited version at the April meeting, ready to initiate the Minor Plan Amendment process so as to adopt the revisions in May, effective June 1.

It was suggested to add some of the "exclusions" and to add a definition for linear projects.

- C. **Monitoring program framework.*** Members continued to discuss the existing monitoring program to see if it still meets the needs of the Commissions and the cities. For example, is there value to continuing monitoring outflow in West Mississippi? Can we adjust the frequency of monitoring in the lakes in Shingle Creek? Should we test for new parameters? Should we do targeted monitoring on outfalls into the creek?

It was a consensus that the Commissions continue to gather information that could lead to future projects, but not just collect information for collection's sake. Staff will bring back suggested verbiage for West Mississippi monitoring.



D. Staff gave a presentation of the **Website Interactive Map**. On the wetlands page they will credit the wetland sources and provide a disclaimer that the wetlands shown are not all of the wetlands in the watersheds. They will design individual pages for watershed projects. They will also include city projects, which will be linked back to the cities' websites.

IV. Other Business.

A. The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission will host an **Equity in Watershed Management Workshop** from 6-8 pm, Monday, April 25, 2022, at the Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive, North, Crystal Room. Contact laura.jester@keystonewaters.com for more information.

B. The **next meeting** is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., April 14, 2022, prior to the regular Commission meetings.

C. There being no further business, the Technical Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

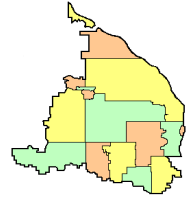
V. 2022-2023 Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Convene Meeting.

A. Present were Riegel and Robinson representing the member cities, Jaeger, representing the West Mississippi Commission, Guentzel, representing Hennepin County as the Soil and Water Conservation District, Christopher as the BWSR Board Conservationist, and Spector, serving as the facilitator. Absent was Ray Schoch, Minneapolis, representing the Shingle Creek Commission. It was agreed that members would use "consensus" as its decision-making process.

B. The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) biennially appropriates funding for a program called Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF). The WBIF funding is allocated to targeted watersheds to be distributed according to guidelines agreed upon by the eligible entities in the allocation area ("the Partnership"). The BWSR Board approved **allocations for fiscal year 2022**, including \$95,501 to the Shingle Creek partnership and \$75,000 to the West Mississippi partnership, which will become available July 1, 2022. A minimum 10% match is required. The grants expire December 31, 2025. The deadline to complete eLINK work plans for approval by BWSR is March 30, 2023.

C. At last month's TAC meeting, Staff advised the members to begin thinking about their **priorities and objectives for the funding**. Riegel volunteered to reach out to the members to solicit their recommendations. Activities eligible for funding must be focused on prioritized and targeted cost-effective actions with *measurable water quality results*. Funding is not limited to capital projects; anything in the Third Generation Plan's Implementation Plan may be eligible as long as its end goal is the protection and improvement of water quality. Christopher indicated that activities such as raingarden workshops qualify for funding since their goal is a water quality benefit. Other ideas shared by the members:

1. Subwatershed Assessments (SWAs) may be funded. There would be no requirement to implement a project identified as an outcome of the SWA.
2. Consider activities/projects to reduce allocations of the various TMDLs.
3. Projects could be added to the CIP by Minor Plan Amendment for eligibility for WBIF funding if that is approved prior to submitting a work plan.
4. Education and outreach in the form of visits to groups to inform regarding best management practices.



Spector will put together a list of eligible projects/activities for consideration at the April meeting.

D. There being no further business, the Convene meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The **next Convene meeting** will be held during the April 14, 2022, TAC meeting and will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judie A. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judie A. Anderson
Recording Secretary
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