

Minutes of the meeting of the Poplar River Management Board
Date: Monday February 6th, 2006 Time: 12:00 pm
Venue: Caribou Highlands Lodge
Chaired By: Charles Skinner

Present:

Melissa Dressely, Caribou Highlands

Marland Hansen, Lutsen Township Supervisor

Scott Harrison, Lutsen Resort

Bruce Martinson, County Commissioner

Tom Rider, Lutsen Mountains

Don Sivertson, Cook County Soil and Water District

Wayne Seidel, Cook County Soil and Water District

Charles Skinner, Lutsen Mountains

Curt Sparks, North American Wetland Engineering

Andy Woodrick, Caribou Highlands

The meeting commenced with the handing out of an agenda of items to be discussed. Also handed out were draft copies of the Bylaws and of Written Action In Lieu of an Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors of Poplar River Management Board.

The first agenda item was approval of minutes from the prior meeting of the Board. By unanimous vote, the minutes of the meeting of the Poplar River Management Board meeting held on January 9th, 2006 were approved.

The second agenda item was approval of the Board's Bylaws, provided by Michael Cowles of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith and Frederick, P.A. By unanimous vote, the Bylaws were approved.

The third agenda item was the Approval of Officers – Action by Written Consent. By unanimous vote, the naming of Charles Skinner as president, Scott Harrison as Vice President, Tom Rider as Treasurer and Melissa Dressley as Secretary was approved.

An update on the TMDL process was given by Curt Sparks. Curt stated that the Poplar River had been selected by the MPCA for recommendation to the EPA as a recipient for

funds totaling \$100,000 for testing. The final determination will be made by the EPA sometime in March. The River's testing has been a high priority as a result of the formation of the Poplar River Management Board. Two other sites that were recommended in Minnesota were the Namagee River and the Knife River.

A brief update was given by Curt Sparks regarding the progress of the AUAR which is currently 75% complete. The report is scheduled to be published as of February 27th, 2006. During the 30 days that follow the publishing of the report, the County will schedule a public meeting for reviewing the report.

Don Sivertson offered comments about a meeting that he had attended in Duluth in which the Poplar River's impaired status and the formation of the Poplar River Management Board had been mentioned.

The issue was raised of whether or not the Board should contact the public regarding its activities since the river has been chosen as a testing site. It was decided that the public would be informed following the publishing of the AUAR. It was decided that the best way to do this would be to first publish the details of the board's meetings on the County's website and to then pursue having an editorial written by the local newspaper. At some point, perhaps in April a public "open house" will be held.

Marland Hansen was asked if he would agree to be named as an Advisory Member of the Board, he said that he would and by unanimous vote, the appointment was approved.

Bruce Martinson and Tom Rider summarized a recent Cook County Commissioners Meeting that they had both attended. The Stormwater Ordinance will be reviewed by the at the County Commissioner's subdivision meeting on February 21st at 10:00 am.

The next meeting of the Poplar River Management Board was scheduled on March 2nd at 12:00 at Caribou Highlands in their conference room. Lunch will be provided at the meeting. The boards officer's will meet 30 minutes prior to the meeting to discuss the allocation of costs for the AUAR report.