

12-03-2008

**LSSC Board Meeting**  
**Held at City of Medina, 6:30 PM**

**Harold Burrows** called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**Present:**

John Barten (TRPD), Harold Burrows (Independence), Randy Lehr (Water Resource Mgr TRPD), Lisa Whalen (LICA & Minnetrista City Council), Fred Bills (Rockford), Brenda Daniels (Council, Loretto & Pioneer Sarah Creek), Elizabeth Weir (Council, Medina), Barb Peichel (MPCA), Sylvia Walsh (Council, Greenfield), Carol & Heather Beasecker (Rockford), Marcey Westrick (BWSR-Clean Water Specialist), Colleen Klaers (Ind.), Mario Crespo (Rockford), Mike Peterson (Ind.)

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, March 2, 2009 at City of Independence — 6:30 PM

**Elizabeth Weir** made a motion to accept 10-20-08 meeting minutes, not sure who seconded.

**John Barten:** Meeting with the City of Greenfield on 10-29-2008 at 7:00 PM was very cordial. The newly-elected council will discuss what BMPs the city would be most receptive to when they take office.

Regarding the joint meeting with the City of Independence on Nov 25, 2008, John felt there were some misunderstandings. More information will need to be presented on what BMPs will be most cost effective, and reinforce the necessity of implementing the BMPs to improve the lake quality.

Tentative date for draft TMDL has been moved to May 1, 2008.  
EPA approval will take 3 to 5 months

**Randy Lehr** is trying to set up an informational meeting with:  
City of Loretto the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Jan 2009.  
City of Corcoran the first week in Feb.

**Sylvia Walsh**, while no longer on the Greenfield City Council, will continue to be a commissioner on the Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed. Sylvia felt information needs to be on all aspects of phosphorous loading was critical.

**Elizabeth Weir** handed out copies of a ½ page letter that listed 7 BMPs the City feels are most appropriate for them to consider. The letter was received very well by all at the meeting and will likely serve as a draft for other cities.

- Loretto storm water pond expansion/ improvement
- In-stream management
- Soil testing for proper phosphorus application
- Development standards (i.e. 20% additional phosphorus loading reduction requirement for new development, LID, etc.) already included in the City's Surface Water Management Plan
- Buffer/filter strips
- Rain gardens, constructed wetlands and detention ponds
- Barley straw application in still water bodies

**Fred Bills** reminded all that the LSSC was only concerned about whole-lake treatments, not treatments by individual homeowners.

Buy-in from the majority of Lake Sarah residents for a whole-lake treatment will be a problem. Some will resist any chemical treatment, some will have a problem with not being able to treat their own shoreline, some will resist not being able to use their weed rollers.

Misc:

- Independence TMDL focused on source reduction
- Greenfield discussed treatment with a big pond on Dance Hall Creek.
- Medina and Loretto discussed soil testing and will work together. Loretto is looking at making the stream from Loretto meander.
- Funding continues to be a big obstacle
- Standardizing "specs" for treatment would help when soliciting RFPs.
- Cities tend to commit to 2-year cycles. The Clean Water Legacy act will benefit from on-going commitment of funds from the constitutional amendment.
- Treating CLP on a whole lake basis with harvesting was discussed. Cost, time and window to "harvest" CLP is a problem. It takes 1 to 2 weeks to harvest 40 acres, window to harvest so seeds don't spread is only 2 weeks.

Submitted by Harold Burrows and Mike Peterson

*BMPs – Best Management Practices*

*BWSR – Board of Water and Soil Resources*

*CLP – Curly-leaf Pondweed*

*EPA – Environmental Protection Agency*

*LID – Low Impact Development*

*LSSC – Lake Sarah Stakeholder Committee*

*RFP – Request for Proposals*

*TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load*

*TRPD - Three Rivers Park District*