
North Shore Management Board

Wednesday, May 2, 2013 6:30 PM

Arrowhead Regional Development Commission

Duluth, MN

Minutes

Attendee	Representing	Absentees	Representing
Bruce Martinson	Cook County	Jan Sivertson	City of Grand Marais
Clint Little	Mn DNR/NSMB TAC	Pete Stauber	St. Louis County
Dave Miller	Duluth Township	Robin Glaser	City of Two Harbors
Dave Updegraff	Lakewood Township		
Don Sitter	Duluth Township		
Joanne Johnson	City of Silver Bay		
Mike Hoops	Silver Creek Township	Staff	
Rich Sve	Lake County	Andy Hubley	ARDC
Stephen Nazian	City of Beaver Bay	Liz Sarabia	ARDC

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Hoops.
 - b. Motion to approve agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Joanne Johnson/Steve Nazian; passed unanimously.
- II. Committee Business
 - a. Motion to approve the January 16, 2013, minutes by Joanne Johnson/Dave Miller; passed unanimously.
 - b. Motion to approve ARDC staffing invoice from January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013, by Rich Sve/Dave Updegraff; passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
 - a. North Shore Management Plan Update - Liz Sarabia referenced the handout "North Shore Management Plan Update-Proposed Work Plan" as the project has been approved by the Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program. She quickly reviewed the five steps, pointing out that Board involvement is part of the process along with the Technical Advisory Committee. There will be public meetings that would include the Citizens Advisory Committee. Funding is currently pending DNR and NOAA approval which may be given after the start of the new fiscal year. Andy

Hubley, project manager, felt the project would be starting in November, 2013 and last approximately 10 months. Discussion followed, no motion was required.

- b. Rain Gardens Scope of Work - Liz Sarabia presented a scope of work for a rain garden pilot project. She reported that additional research which focused along Lake Superior revealed a lot of smaller rain garden projects have been occurring by various organizations. With so many project types available and local groups already advocating rain gardens, she suggested that an assessment of current rain garden projects and programs along the North Shore be done. From the information gathered, staff would present a recommendation for a rain garden project or program to the NSMB for their approval to move forward with an implementation plan or to decline the recommendation. The assessment is anticipated to identify a project or program that is a good fit for the NSMB. Motion was made by Dave Miller/Joanne Johnson for ARDC to move ahead with the scope of work contingent upon funding is to be in place prior to work commencement; passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

- a. Lakewood Township Discussion – David Updegraff explained the concern the township has with paying the match to the NSMB when they have so little exposure. Discussion followed regarding options for the township. It was suggested that David return to the township board and have them clarify what they are expecting of the NSMB. Andy Hubley said he would do further research into the consequence of withdrawal from the NSMB.

- b. Variance Issues

Andy Hubley discussed a conditional use application by Gary Reineccus and a variance application by Rod Johnson.

Mr. Reineccus's conditional use application concerned additions to the Whispering Pines Motel property. Andy reported that there was some concern about an increase in impermeable surfaces, but there were no circumstances to generate a response on behalf of the NSMB. Discussion followed, no action required.

The variance application by Rod Johnson did solicit a call to the applicant in order to clarify the height of the addition and the structure at the back of the house. As neither item would conflict with the standards of the NSM Plan, Andy did not pursue the issue further. Discussion followed, no action required.

- c. Clean Water Fair

A handout was provided regarding a clean water fair that was held in the City of Independence. This topic had been discussed under the rain garden scope of work, but it was also discussed as a separate activity, no action required.

- d. Next meeting location and time: to be held at the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission building on June 26, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

V. Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Mike Hoops, Chair

Elizabeth R. Sarabia, Recording Secretary