RICE S.W.C.D.
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SPRING PARK PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF FARIBAULT
Tuesday, April 26, - 9:00 AM

PRESENT: Richard Cook, Robert Duban, Dick Peterson, Gary Wagenbach, Steve Pahs, Debbie Skarupa, and Melissa King from the City of Faribault.

ABSENT: James Purfeerst

Chairman Bob Duban called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Steve explained that the City of Faribault wanted to apply for this grant but needed to go through either Rice County, a watershed district or an SWCD. Grant has been awarded.

Melissa King, the water quality specialist for the City of Faribault, was introduced. She explained the project. It is in the southwest part of the City of Faribault and water encircles Hwy 21, running into Crocker’s Creek. The area of 17th Street to 9th Avenue has curb and gutter but not a lot of storm sewer. It is also shallow bedrock and shallow water table. A similar grant was done for Shattuck St. Mary’s last year.

Discussion followed: Will be wave of the future to hold water back and keep sediment out of the water. Northfield has boulevard rain gardens and a lot of retention ponds. Rice SWCD will be the fund manager, receive the grant dollars, sign agreement with Huston Engineering and BWSR, and get reimbursed for our time.

Motion by Richard Cook, seconded by Gary Wagenbach to authorize signing the Spring Park Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Faribault expiring on December 31, 2017. Ayes: Richard Cook, Robert Duban, Dick Peterson, and Gary Wagenbach. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Wagenbach, seconded by Dick Peterson to authorize signing of the BWSR Spring Park Subwatershed Analysis Grant Agreement for $62,398.00 effective until December 31, 2018. Ayes: Richard Cook, Robert Duban, Dick Peterson, and Gary Wagenbach. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Steve said we may get Heritage Park agreement for underground treatment at a little less than $400,000. This would be for the area south of the old garage and north of American Legion. Soil contamination, drainage to the river and other downtown runoff were discussed. Discussion was also held on ag BMP workshop, wellhead protection zone, farm fields within city limits, past Crocker’s Creek cleanup, and Chamber of Commerce raingarden.


Respectfully submitted by:

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Debbie Skarupa – Admin. Assistant

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Dick Peterson – Board Secretary