



STORMWATER BOARD MINUTES

August 4, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Board Members attending via Zoom were Jim Lord, Paul Henneck, Casey Phythian and Jerrod Carlson. Staff Members attending via Zoom were Paul Trombino, Joel Hemesath, Karen Reynolds, Andrew Fisher and Ellen Hine.

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Lord made a motion to call the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m., seconded by Paul Henneck, all agreed, Motion passed, the meeting was called to order.

AGENDA TOPICS:

Introduce Paul Trombino, Public Works Director: An organizational assessment of Public Works that concluded last year provided direction for the department's structure. Former director Joel Hemesath transitioned into a new role with the city as deputy director to allow him more time to devote to core operations, including capital and construction projects.

Paul was the director of Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management and former chief operating officer, who also previously served as director of the state's Department of Transportation. For the past year, Paul oversaw Iowa's emergency management functions in a governor-appointed role. His focus on critical operational issues included responding to historic floods, the pandemic and a severe windstorm last August that will become the state's costliest natural disaster. As Iowa's chief operating officer, he also led strategic business initiatives to improve enterprise collaboration and productivity.

Paul also served as president of an engineering consulting company after five-plus years of leading Iowa's Department of Transportation, where he developed and implemented organizational process improvements and a strategy that accelerated construction projects resulting in substantial cost savings. His public service experience also includes 17 years with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, where his roles included director of Bureau of Transit, Local Roads, Rails and Harbors; operations director for the Highway Division; director of the Bureau of Statewide Structures; and manager of Highway Contracts and Bid Letting.

Revenue & Expenditure Update: Karen gave an update of the revenue and expenses to date.

Rate Increase: Karen explained with all the projects that need to be completed, and not having enough funds to do so, a rate increase of 15% for 2022 is requested. After discussion, Jim Lord made a motion to approve the 15% stormwater fee increase in 2022, seconded by Casey Phythian, all agreed, Motion passed, to increase the stormwater fee in 2022 by 15%.

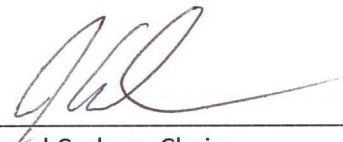
July 1, 2021 Rain Storm: An update was given on the flooding issues from the July 1 rain storm. Karen showed pictures that were available to the Board so they could have a good idea of the flooding issues around town.

12th Street Outfall: The 12th Street Storm Outfall is the highest priority capital project recommended from the North Greeley Downtown Basin Drainage Master Plan (2017). The trunk line extends over 18 blocks through the basin protecting downtown and surrounding commercial properties; total project estimated at \$65 million; project would be complete in 15 years. Phase 1 has been broken into Phase 1A (replacement and lowering of sanitary sewer interceptors) and Phase 1B (design and construction of a water quality pond, outfall and 1350 feet storm trunk line)

Adjournment: Casey Phythian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m., seconded by Jim Lord, all agreed, Motion passed, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD: The Stormwater Board will start meeting in person again for the October 6 meeting. The meeting will be held in City Center South, 1001 11th Avenue, Room 227, on October 6, 2021, 4:30 p.m.


Ellen L. Hine, Stormwater Technician


Jerrod Carlson, Chair