

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 5/24/10
Item No.: 12.c

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Consider Grass Lake Watershed Management Organization Board Appointment

BACKGROUND

The Grass Lake Watershed Management Organization (GLWMO) is a joint powers organization that manages water resources in the northeastern portion of Roseville and southern Shoreview and has been in existence since 1983. This watershed includes lakes Owasso, Snail, and Bennett as well as many other smaller water bodies and wetlands. A five-member board appointed by the Roseville and Shoreview City Councils governs the GLWMO. Board members serve three-year terms – with two members from Roseville and two from Shoreview. Appointment of the fifth member is rotated between the two cities. For 2010 the fifth member is represented by Shoreview.

The Council appointed Joan Manzara and Jeff Boldt in January of 2010 to three year terms. Mr. Boldt has resigned from the Board due to time commitments. Staff recently advertised for the vacancy as required by state statute and the Joint Powers Agreement. The City Manager's office received three applications for this seat on the Board. Applications were submitted by Mary Kaye Von De Linde, Rebecca Galkiewicz, and Johnathan Miller. Copies of their applications are attached. The bylaws of the organization give authority to each City Council to determine the qualification for appointment. This appointment will fill the remaining two and one half years remaining of the three year term. Historically we seldom have more applicants than positions to fill. All three applicants state their interest in environmental and water issues and training and experience in these and other areas that would be beneficial to their role as a Board Member. Ms. Von De Linde lives within the Grass Lake Watershed boundaries while the two applicants live just to the west in the Rice Creek Watershed. We have not required residency in the watershed, only city residency in past appointments.

The following table shows proposed 2010 Board makeup.

Member Name	Residence	Appointed By
To be appointed	Roseville	Roseville
Joan Manzara	Roseville	Roseville
Charles Westerberg	Shoreview	Shoreview
Leonard Ferrington	Shoreview	Shoreview
Karen Eckman	Shoreview	Shoreview

27 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

28 The appointment of GLWMO board members is governed by the Joint Powers Agreement and
29 State Statute. The Agreement gives each City Council the discretion to determine the
30 qualifications of their appointed members.

31 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

32 The appointment of a new board member does not have a direct financial impact to the City as it
33 is a volunteer position. GLWMO's annual budget is equally supported by Roseville and
34 Shoreview through their Storm Water Utility funds. The 2010 GLWMO budget is \$50,000.

35 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

36 Staff is recommending that the City Council appoint one of the applicants to fill the vacancy on
37 the GLWMO Board to the remainder of a three year terms to expire at the end of 2012. The
38 appointee will be eligible for reappointment at that time to an additional term.

39 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

40 Motion appointing _____ to the Grass Lake Watershed Management Organization Board for
41 the remainder of a three year term to expire on December 31, 2012.

Prepared by: Duane Schwartz, Public Works Director

Attachments: A: Board Applications (3)

Jonathan Miller
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Work Experience

At the University of Colorado, I worked as a Geographic Information Systems analyst and research assistant performing an Environmental Impact Statement for a road network in an Arizona National Forest. I have also worked as a retail sales associate at Joe's Sporting Goods in Little Canada, MN and as a cross country ski coach at Mounds Park Academy in St. Paul.

Education:

I hold a Master's Degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Colorado (graduated May, 2009), and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in biology and environmental studies from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN (graduated May, 2005).

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):

While in Colorado, I volunteered at events for Bicycle Colorado - an organization advocating for safe routes for bicycling. Recently, I have been working and volunteering at Loring Elementary School in North Minneapolis teaching cross country skiing through the City of Lakes Loppet Nordic Ski Foundation and teaching gardening through Kids Cook Classroom.

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Committee/Task Force:

As a dominant feature of Minnesota's Landscape, its lakes and rivers are sources of drinking water, irrigation and recreation and are valuable natural ecosystems in themselves. I want to serve on the Grass Lake Water Management Organization to work for creative ways to maintain watershed protection while allowing reasonable land development.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Committee/Task Force?

As an advisory organization to the cities of Roseville and Shoreview, the Grass Lake Water Management Organization is charged with preserving and improving water quality within the Grass Lake watershed for the benefit of the natural and human systems that depend on that water.

Any further information you would like the City Council to consider or that you feel is relevant to the appointment you are seeking.

I have been a Roseville resident since the age of two, save for my time in college and graduate school, and I am a product of the Roseville Area public schools. I learned to love the outdoors playing in the woods and on the lakes of Roseville and Shoreview, and look forward to working to help maintain these for the benefit of all people.

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None checked



Mary Kay Von De Linde
524 Heinel Drive
Roseville, MN 55113

Work Experience

Director of Volunteer Services:
St. John's Hospital 1991-2010 Retired 1/21/10
Presbyterian Homes, Arden Hills 1987-1991
Brimhall Elementary 1985-1987

Education:

Metropolitan State University 1987 B.A. degree (Human Services)

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):

CURRENT: FORParks Board (Roseville) Ways and Means Committee

PAST: Roseville Lutheran Church Council:

Chair of Fellowship and Church Life

Chair of Youth Committee

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Committee/Task Force:

* Concern for Environmental Issues Particularly:

Wetlands, Lakes and Rivers

*Watershed districts are essential to our local water quality and management! I would like to learn more to help support the health of our community water.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Committee/Task Force?

I am eager to learn more about the Grass Lake Water Management Organization. Since I have a passion for water issues, I would hope to support GLWMO and the communities it serves in any way where my energy, leadership and organizational skills are needed.

I have looked into Volunteering for the Washington/Ramsey district watershed, but prefer to volunteer in the community watershed of our Roseville lakes.

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*I live across the street from Lake Owasso and have had Deb Bloom speak to our neighborhood Woman's group about Best Practice of Lakeshore Management.

*I have Volunteered for Friends of the Mississippi in stenciling water drains around Como Lake.

* I have recently attended MCEA's Woman's breakfast at the U of M with Dr. Deborah Swackhamer, Co-Director of the Water Resources Center at the University of Minnesota, She spoke on water in Minnesota --policy, quality, and what we can do to protect it.

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Home Telephone

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Rebecca Galkiewicz
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Work Experience

30 years as an environmental health specialist/industrial hygienist in industry and academia, including 12 years at 3M, 10 years at Unisys, and 3 years at the University of Massachusetts

Education:

BA in Biology, Brown University, Providence RI
MS in Public Health (Environmental Health), University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):

Girl Scouts
church choir and leadership
St. Paul's Family Resources Foundation - board member

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Committee/Task Force:

I have a professional and academic background in environmental health and a personal interest in environmental protection. I visit the Grass Lake area frequently for biking, skiing, and hiking. I believe in the importance of preserving and restoring natural areas for the benefit of both the wildlife that make a home there and the people who visit.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Committee/Task Force?

To work with the Grass Lake neighbors and the towns to educate on and encourage environmental responsibility. The Commission acts to investigate and mediate problems.

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