

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

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File Type: Action
Subcategory: Appointments

Subject:

Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner appointments to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Description:

Approving reappointment of the following individuals to serve on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission until January 31, 2019:

Commissioner:	Michael Welch
Alternate Commissioner:	Lisa Goddard
Technical Advisory Committee:	Elizabeth Stout

Previous Actions:

November 29, 2011 – 2011R-652 Appointment of Michael Welch and Lisa Goddard as the Minneapolis Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission for terms to expire January 31, 2013.

March 9, 2007 – 2007R-123 Appointment of Michael Welch and Lisa Goddard as the Minneapolis Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission for terms to expire January 31, 2010.

January 30, 2004 – 2004R-033 Appointment of Michael Welch and Lisa Goddard as the Minneapolis Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission for terms to expire January 31, 2007.

Ward/Address:

Ward 5

Ward 7

Background/Analysis:

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) was established in 1969 by a joint powers agreement among nine member cities. The member cities are: Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park. The goals for the BCWMC include the following:

- Manage the surface water resources of the watershed to meet or exceed state standards and BCWMC water quality goals for wetlands, lakes, and streams and the Mississippi River.
- Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the BCWMC. Take into account aesthetics and recreational opportunities within the watershed when completing BCWMC projects.
- Reduce stormwater runoff volume for the purposes of improving water quality.
- Protect against flood risks along the Bassett Creek trunk system while protecting human life, property, and surface water systems that could be damaged by flood events. Reduce stormwater runoff rates and volumes to minimize flood problems, flood damages, and the future costs of stormwater management systems.
- Provide leadership and assist member cities with coordination of intercommunity stormwater runoff issues.
- Raise awareness of the impact that individuals, businesses, and organizations have upon water resources and motivate these audiences to change personal/corporate behavior that has a negative impact on the watershed.
- Develop a greater understanding of climate change and its impact on water resources including stormwater infrastructure capacity and flooding, and develop strategies to appropriately manage future impacts.

The joint powers agreement commits each member city to appoint a commissioner and alternate commissioner to serve 3-year terms. The Public Works Department is recommending that the following citizens be re-appointed to serve as the Minneapolis Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the BCWMC for a 3-year term expiring January 31, 2019.

Michael Welch, Commissioner: Mr. Welch is the current Minneapolis Commissioner for the BCWMC. He has served as Commissioner since 1999. Mr. Welch is a resident of Ward 7 and he is an attorney with Smith Partners.

Lisa Goddard, Alternate Commissioner: Ms. Goddard is the current Minneapolis Alternate Commissioner for the BCWMC. She has served as Alternate Commissioner since 2004. Ms. Goddard is a resident of Ward 5 and is a water resources engineer with SRF Consulting Group.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

cc: Council Member Yang, Ward 5
Council Member Goodman, Ward 7
Laura Jester, BCWMC Administrator