

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 1/10/11

Item No.: 12.b

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 2011 the fifth member will be represented by Roseville due to a term ending from Shoreview on December 31.

The current Roseville members are Joan Manzara and Mary Kay Von De Linde. Staff recently advertised for the current vacancy as required by state statute and the Joint Powers Agreement. The City Manager's office received two applications for this seat on the Board. Applications were submitted by Jonathan Miller and Donald Wright. 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 be for a three year term ending December 31, 2013. Both applicants state their interest in the watershed and water environmental issues. Mr. Miller has extensive training in biology and environmental studies that would be beneficial to the role as a Board Member. Mr. Miller previously applied and was unsuccessful due to multiple applicants at the time. Mr. Wright lives within the Grass Lake Watershed boundaries and states an interest in ensuring things are done right at the present to keep pollution out of our storm water. Mr. Miller lives just to the west of the GLWMO boundary in the Rice Creek Watershed. We have not required residency in the watershed, only city residency in past appointments.

The following table shows proposed 2011 Board makeup.

Member Name	Residence	Appointed By
To be appointed	Roseville	Roseville
Joan Manzara	Roseville	Roseville
Mary Kay Von De Linde	Roseville	Roseville
Charles Westerberg	Shoreview	Shoreview
Karen Eckman	Shoreview	Shoreview

28 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

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

32 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

33 The appointment of a new board member does not have a direct financial impact to the City as it
34 is a volunteer position. GLWMO's annual budget is equally supported by Roseville and
35 Shoreview through their Storm Water Utility funds. The 2011 GLWMO budget is \$75,000.

36 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

37 Staff is recommending that the City Council appoint Jonathon Miller to fill the vacancy on the
38 GLWMO Board to a three year term ending December 31, 2013 due to his previous interest.
39 The appointee will be eligible for reappointment at that time to an additional term.

40 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

41 Motion appointing _____ to the Grass Lake Watershed Management Organization Board for
42 a three year term to expire on December 31, 2013.

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Attachments: A: Board Applications (2)

Jonathan Miller
998 Brenner Ave.
Roseville, MN 55113

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.

I understand that the City will not publish my phone or fax numbers or email address without my authorization and do hereby allow the City to publish (check all that apply).

None checked

DONALD WRIGHT
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How many years have you lived in Roseville?: 25

I have many of years of customer service in very difficult situations. I like working with the public and trying to find workable solutions to challenging problems.

Education:: Cretin H. S. St. Paul, MN - College Prep.
1 1/2 years of College at Hamline and Century College - Generals.

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):: Director of T-ball at Parkway Little League for 1 year.
Coached baseball and softball many years in St. Paul and Rsvl.
Worked with Community Ed. on several summer programs for several different sport and activities.

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Board:: I have an interest in this water shed because I live on the west side of it. I would also like to become more active in the community.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Board?: To listen, research, and find common sense solutions to issues presented to the board. Plan for the future and make sure that things are being done right at the present. Inform the community of ways they can help keep pollution out of the storm water.

Any further information you would like the City Council to consider or that you feel is relevant to the appointment or reappointment you are seeking.: Please feel free to call and ask question. My home phone number is 651 636-6573. I take pride in my work and community. Thanks for reviewing my application and considering me for this position.

I understand that information provided in this application may be distributed by the City to the public including, but not limited to, being posted on the City of Roseville website. I agree to waive any and all claims under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, or any other applicable state and federal law, that in any way related to the dissemination to the public of information contained in this application that would be classified as private under such laws. I understand that I may contact the responsible authority for the City of Roseville if I have any questions regarding the public or private nature of the information provided.: Yes

Occasionally City staff gets requests from the media or from the public for ways to contact Commission members. The Commission roster is periodically made available. Please indicate which information the City may release to someone who requests it or that may be included on the Commission roster. Under MN Statute §12.601. subd. 3(b), either a telephone or electronic mail address (or both) where you can be reached must be made available to the public. Please indicate at least one phone number or one email address to be available to the public, and fill in the corresponding information in the below.: Preferred Email Address

Home Phone :
Work Phone :
Cell Phone:
Preferred Email Address:

I have read and understand the statements on this form, and I hereby swear or affirm that the statements on this form are true. : Yes