

Sunrise River Water Management Organization Meeting
Thursday, April 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Chair Babineau, Leon Mager, Paul Enestvedt, Tim Harrington, Tim Peterson, Sharon Flaherty, Matt Downing, Denny Peterson

Absent: Scott Heaton

Audience: Jamie Schurbon, Anoka Conservation District (ACD)
Sharon LeMay, Anoka Conservation District Supervisor

3. Approval of Agenda **Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the agenda with two additions under New Business - 1W1P and Up-front Watershed Plan comments. Motion carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes **Mr. Downing moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to approve the March 1, 2018 minutes as written. Motion carried.**

5. Treasurer's Report Treasurer Heaton was absent. Chair Babineau reported a beginning balance of \$64,874.93 with two deposits made and three checks written, bringing the balance to \$70,159.17.

6. Unfinished Business A. Ratifications received for 2019 draft budget
Columbus has approved the draft budget. Waiting to hear from East Bethel and Ham Lake.

 B. Watershed Management Plan
 1. Review proposals and select consultant
 Mr. Mager moved and Mr. D. Peterson seconded to appoint Anoka Conservation District as the official Watershed Management Plan consultant for 2018. Motion carried. Chair Babineau was directed to sign the Contract for Services.

 2. Set special watershed planning meetings for 2018
 Suggested dates, along with meeting topics, were presented for late May, June or July, and August through February 2019. **Mr. Enestvedt moved and Mr. D. Peterson seconded to approve May 24 and July 12 as special watershed planning meetings. Motion carried.** These meetings will be held in the East Bethel Senior Center. Mr. Schurbon will draft a map of sites to visit on May 24. Remaining dates will be set at a future meeting.

- C. Watershed Based Funding update
 Mr. Schurbon reported that as of today, \$136,217 could be allocated to the SRWMO. For this to happen, project concepts and back-up projects need to be set in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Schurbon will set up a date in mid-April for member communities' staff members, SRWMO board members, and ACD staff to meet to discuss which projects are priorities and which should be considered as back-up

projects. Then at the May 3 meeting, a decision will need to be made by the SRWMO Board which priorities/projects to include on the list. These projects must be for water quality improvement only, which includes feasibility studies. ACD is working to secure permission from the U of M (lake owner) to do research on Bootleg Lake.

This funding requires a 10% match which would be \$13,621 over the next three years. Currently, there is \$8,000 in the budget for this type of funding match. Other match funding could come from lake associations.

Mr. Schurbon will use administrative hours toward scheduling and guiding the joint meeting.

7. New
Business

A. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Grant

Purpose: To assist local government agencies, lake associations, and conservation groups in preventing the spread of Eurasian Watermilfoil, Zebra Mussels or other aquatic invasive species to uninfected bodies of water and causing new infestations. Information: Grant requests are allowed for up to \$5,000 per lake within Anoka County. Each grant requires a cash or in-kind match of 25% of the total grant request. Grants will be available upon a first come - first serve basis until the 2018 grant funds are depleted. If all grant funds are not used following the first round of applications, a second round of grants will be offered until the grant funds are depleted.

These funds could be used toward a carp project, however, if the WMO does this it may take away from lake associations receiving money. **Mr. Mager moved and Mr. D. Peterson seconded to table this discussion to the May 3 meeting. Motion carried.**

B. One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

Both Mr. Enestvedt and Mr. Downing will be attending the meeting in late April, along with all future meetings. An update will be given at the May 3 meeting.

C. Up-Front Planning Comments

Mr. Schurbon provided a summary of the up-front watershed plan update comments for the period ending March 30, 2018. It was noted that 3 out of 4 organizations had comments regarding groundwater. Also provided was the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Metro Watershed Management Plan Update Guide regarding the process for updating metro watershed plans. The update process is broken up into four major phases: initiate, draft, review and adopt. Each phase consists of required and recommended steps for updating water plans. The next step to be taken by the SRWMO will be to initiate the update process.

8. Mail

Census Bureau information update/request. Chair Babineau will provide the requested information.

9. Other Ms. Gessner shared information on the University of Minnesota's Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve (CCESR) new study on the effectiveness of bison grazing for oak savannah establishment. The plan calls for releasing bison in a 20- acre parcel along 229th Ave and Durant St. NE in East Bethel. CCESR plans to construct a viewing platform so that the public can view the animals and learn other information about the ecosystem and what takes place at the scientific reserve.
10. Invoice **Mr. Harrington moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to pay the Recording**
Approval **Secretary invoice for March for \$175. Motion carried.**
11. Adjourn **Mr. Downing moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to adjourn at 7:45 pm.**
 Motion carried.

Gail E. Gessner, Recording Secretary
Submitted via email on 4/29/18