

Sunrise River Water Management Organization Meeting
Thursday May 3, 2018

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

Present: Chair Babineau, Leon Mager, Paul Enestvedt, Tim Harrington, Tim Peterson, Sandy 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. D. Peterson moved and Mr. Downing seconded to approve the agenda with one addition under New Business - Elections. Motion carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes **Mr. D. Peterson moved and Mr. Enestvedt seconded to approve the April 5, 2018 minutes as written. Motion carried.**

5. Treasurer's Report Chair Babineau reported a 4/4/18 beginning balance of \$70,159.17 with one deposit made, bringing the balance to \$80,711.74. **Mr. T. Peterson moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

Ms. Gessner reported a verbal resignation was received from Scott Heaton. Both Mr. Downing and Ms. Flaherty confirmed Mr. Heaton's resignation was received by Ham Lake and that they are now the two appointed representatives for Ham Lake.

6. Unfinished Business A. Ratifications received for 2019 draft budget update
All ratifications have been received from member communities. **Mr. D. Peterson moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the 2019 budget for \$50,815.00. Motion carried.**

B. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Grant
The consensus of the Board was to not apply for this grant, as it could possibly take money away from lake associations/groups. If requested, the SRWMO will write a letter of support for the Coon Lake Improvement Association.

C. 1W1P meeting update
This was the first meeting of policy setting, items discussed were: An overview of the program, by-laws, north and south zones for splits, hiring a consultant, public outreach, and a boat ride on the St. Croix. A staff level committee and an advisory committee have been formed.

D. Watershed Based Funding update

Summary

On Thursday, April 26 a meeting was held with SRWMO, ACD and community representatives to discuss project ideas for Watershed Based Funding. This group has

developed project recommendations for the SRWMO Board's consideration. This Board is asked to approve that list with or without changes.

Background

The county-wide watershed based funding group has set preliminary funding allocation amounts per watershed. The preliminary amount for the Sunrise River watershed is \$162,341. Eligible recipients are the SRWMO, ACD and member communities. It must be spent on water quality improvement projects consistent with the SRWMO plan. Funds expire Dec. 31, 2021.

The county-wide group has directed that each watershed organization shall make final project selections in its area. SRWMO must solicit project ideas from the communities and ACD. This occurred at the April 26 meeting noted above.

April 26 Meeting Summary

Those present included: Nate Ayshford (East Bethel Public Works Director), Tim Harrington (EB City Councilmember and SRWMO board member), Dan Babineau (SRWMO Chair, also representing Linwood at this meeting), Sandy Flaherty (SRWMO Board member from Ham Lake), Paul Enestvedt (SRWMO Board member from Linwood) and Jamie Schurbon (Anoka Conservation District). Staff from Columbus and Ham Lake were invited twice before the meeting. Mr. Schurbon left them messages after the meeting to provide an update.

Projects discussed were selected by the group (underlined). An Excel spreadsheet with full details was provided separately. BWSR has pre-approved these three priorities.

- **Priority #1 Stormwater Retrofits for Lake Water Quality** Includes projects identified in stormwater retrofit studies, specifically noting reconstruction of two stormwater ponds on west side of Martin Lake, two of six rain gardens and one swale near Martin Lake, and Coon Lake area stormwater diversions or rain gardens. Work includes promotion, designs and installation. \$145,000 grant funds \$14,500 local matching funds, some may come from city staff time.
- **Priority #2 Linwood Lake Carp Management Feasibility Study** Estimate abundance and biomass and age structure and produce a report of management recommendations of carp for water quality. Study Anoka Conservation District 1318 McKay Drive NE, Suite 300 Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304 Ph: 763-434-2030 Fx: 763-434-2094 www.AnokaSWCD.org will inform SRWMO Watershed Planning. Work to be done by Carp Solutions, Inc. ACD could do contracting, oversight and management. \$10,000 grant funds \$1,000 local matching funds.
- **Priority #3 Lakeshore Restorations Outreach and Construction** Outreach to improve homeowner positive responses to lakeshore restorations toward the SRWMO goal of 3 per year and increase other voluntary lakeshore stewardship for water quality. \$7,341 grant funds \$734.10 local match.
 - Alum Treatment Feasibility Study for Martin, Linwood and Typo Lakes Not selected because cost didn't fit into budget after other priorities included and concerns that practice may be so effective that clearer water will result in plant growth beyond residents' tolerance. \$71,363.

- Road Deicing Technology for Communities Not selected because communities present were not ready, and cost may not fit within budget after other priorities are included. \$??
- Street Sweeping Not selected because Martin Lake neighborhoods may be only paved areas with direct drainage to lakes that are not swept, and it may be inefficient to do such a small area. It was noted that in the future Linwood could join six other communities in a joint road services contracting – in this way it would not have to do bidding on its own. \$??
- Groundwater Conservation ACD is part of a metro-wide program offering water use assessments (like an energy audit) for campuses like schools, community centers and others. The goal is to identify water saving options and put it into financial terms. At one school done to date we found 2/3 reduction in water use could be achieved with certain fixture replacements. The payback period for the investments, based on their water bills, would be 2.5 years. Not selected because groundwater conservation is not a focus area in the SRWMO plan. \$ variable.

Amongst these options, priority #3 may deserve additional discussion. This could be accomplished in two ways: 1. SRWMO does outreach. 2. SRWMO provides additional funding to county-wide outreach program, with a request that education in your area focus on lakeshore stewardship. This might be a way to support development of consistent regional messaging. Outreach will go beyond pamphlets and paper, actual demonstrations can be given, homeowners could be shown what can be done with someone sitting down with them to figure this out. If SRWMO wants to have funds for lakeshore restoration installations, it can come from its existing cost share program or part of the Watershed Based Funding. Either way, amounts are small.

Matching funds (approx. \$16,000) can be paid over three (3) years. Three options are: 1) \$8,000 is approved from the 2018 budget and \$10,000 is approved from the 2019 budget. 2) Linwood Lake Association has committed \$1,610.38 previously for the carp feasibility study. Now a \$1,000 match is needed. This Board could ask the lake association to pay this amount or split the match with the SRWMO. 3) Request more funds from the cities, particularly where stormwater retrofits are installed. However, this might not make much sense given the SRWMO “upcoming projects” funds are already coming from the cities.

Mr. Mager moved and Mr. Downing seconded to approve Priority #1 Stormwater Retrofits for Lake Water Quality, Priority #2 Linwood Lake Carp Management Feasibility Study, and Priority #3 Lakeshore Restorations Outreach and Construction with one amendment to Priority #2 being Linwood Lake Association to contribute \$500 with the SRWMO matching this amount. Motion carried.

Fiscal Agent? Someone needs to be the fiscal agent for grant funds for each project. At the April 26 meeting, it was discussed that ACD may be the right fit as the fiscal agent because stormwater retrofits occur in multiple communities and ACD may manage these projects if the SRWMO wishes. Administration costs have been added into the project budget presented. **Mr. Downing moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to appoint Anoka Conservation District as the fiscal agent. Motion carried.**

Next steps

- County-wide group meets May 16. Funding allocations may be edited. SRWMO project priorities will be shared. Scope and cost of county-wide outreach program will be discussed.
- June 30 deadline to submit project lists to BWSR.

E. Planning public officials tour and public input meeting May 24

Invitations have been sent to public officials. ACD will have specific items set up at each tour stop. Mr. Schurbon will be the moderator at the public meeting and will address some suggested topics made by the board.

F. Watershed planning advisory committee formation

The SRWMO is required to have advisory committees during preparation of the new watershed management plan. ACD's recommendations are:

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Include: 1) Participants in the public input kickoff meeting, excluding those that sign an 'opt out' form. 2) Lead officer from each lake association. 3. Others who express interest, at the SRWMO board's discretion.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Include: 1) A staff person from each member community. 2) State review agencies and the Metropolitan Council - one staff from each. For the advisory committee, a lead officer or assigned rep needs to be appointed. The TAC typically meets three times per year.

These committees will periodically be called upon to provide feedback during the planning process. Mostly, that can be accomplished by inviting them to regular SRWMO planning meetings.

Mr. T. Peterson moved and Mr. Enestvedt seconded to approve the Citizen Advisory Committee with the formation to include 1) Participants in the public input kickoff meeting, excluding those that sign an 'opt out' form. 2) Lead officer from each lake association. 3. Others who express interest, at the SRWMO board's discretion, and the Technical Advisory Committee with the formation to include 1) A staff person from each member community. 2) State review agencies and the Metropolitan Council - one staff from each. Motion carried.

7. New
Business

A. Cooperative weed management area participation

The Anoka Conservation District has secured a \$20,000 grant with \$5,000 required match for cooperative weed management in Anoka County. This will be a collaboration of cities, ACD and others that manage weeds. Some priority weeds are garlic mustard, buckthorn and leafy spurge. The SRMWO has been invited to participate.

Considerations: 1) This program is for terrestrial weeds only, not aquatics. 2) Each of the SRWMO member communities is invited to participate. So far Ham Lake, East Bethel and Linwood are participating.

Participation would primarily mean attending planning and priority setting meetings. The SRWMO could be involved in weed management efforts or encourage the partnership to do so in your locality. It does not need to cost the SRWMO anything except time.

Mr. Downing moved and Mr. D. Peterson seconded to participate in the Anoka Co Cooperative Weed Management Area. Motion carried.

Chair Babineau moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to approve Mr. Downing to represent the SRWMO at meetings and approve Ms. Flaherty as a back-up to Mr. Downing. Motion carried.

B. Elections

Mr. T. Peterson moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to nominate Matt Downing as the Treasurer. Motion carried.

8. Mail No mail.

9. Other No other business.

10. Invoice A. **Mr. Harrington moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to pay the Recording Approval Secretary invoice for May for \$175. Motion carried.**

B. Chair Babineau moved and Mr. D. Peterson seconded to pay the ACD 2018 Monitoring and Management Work Plan Invoice #2018031 payment 1 of 3 for \$12,680.00. Motion carried.

11. Adjourn **Mr. Mager moved and Mr. Downing seconded to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Motion carried.**

Gail E. Gessner, Recording Secretary

Submitted via email on 5/20/18

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