

Sunrise River Water Management Organization Meeting
Thursday November 1, 2018
6:30 pm at East Bethel City Hall

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

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

3. Approval of Agenda **Mr. T. Peterson moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of MCIT invoice under Other. Motion carried.**
4. Approval of Minutes **Mr. T. Peterson moved and Mr. Enestvedt seconded to approve the October 6, 2018 minutes as written. Motion carried.**
5. Treasurer's Report Mr. Downing reported a September beginning balance of \$48,070.84 with four checks written totaling \$13,205.00, bringing the month end balance to \$34,865.84. **Mr. T. Peterson moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**
6. Unfinished Business None
7. New Business None
8. Watershed Plan A. Requested information about cost effectiveness of carp harvests
The board reviewed an informational email provided Przemek 'Shemick' Bajer, PhD Owner of Carp Solutions LLC which answered questions asked at the previous meeting regarding the cost effectiveness of carp removal to improve lake water quality. Discussion ensued regarding the cost effectiveness, population assessment methods, and role that aeration systems play in ensuring game fisheries that prey on young carp.
- The board requested ACD provide periodic financial reports for projects using SRWMO funds or grants secured by the SRWMO including the DNR grant for Martin and Typo Lake carp management, SRWMO cost share fund for landowners, and watershed based funding grant.
- B. Review draft Outreach and Education goals, actions and policies
Mr. Schurbon reviewed draft SRWMO watershed management plan content. The content was written considering discussion at the last SRWMO meeting. The draft content was reviewed with the board providing feedback on changes, additions, and/or deletions.
- Mr. Schurbon noted that draft actions within the watershed management plan will be reviewed twice –during preparation of the plan narrative and again later during

preparation of the implementation plan. The latter step includes detailed consideration of costs and scheduling.

C. Goal setting

Board members completed worksheets and discussed goals, actions and policies for the following topics. Discussion points are listed below.

1. Communications with member communities

- Non-council member representatives are requested to attend and present information at city council meetings. Visual aids and leveraged dollar amounts can be provided by the SRWMO's on-call administrator for reps to use.
- Ask to have SRWMO meetings included on community calendars.
- Tours of major milestones accomplished by the SRWMO (funding will need to be established to organize and hold the tours).

2. Funding

- Have 10% match available annually to ensure Water Based funding grants can be fully secured.

3. Water monitoring

- Every three years for current lakes
- Monitor lakes where projects are occurring every 1-2 years.
- Boot Lake - do two more years of diagnostic monitoring.
- Fawn Lake – monitor water clarity by volunteers only.
- Island Lake – Monitor clarity and chemical analysis by a volunteer, if one can be secured.
- Increasingly use Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP) volunteers for cost savings.
- Try to secure volunteers to check clarity on smaller lakes without public access such as Tamarack Lake, Pet Lake, Rice Lake etc.
- Screen chloride levels in lakes – once every ten years

Mr. Schurbon will bring back Watershed Plan content addressing these items to the next meeting.

4. Determine goal setting approach for medium and lower priority topics

Mr. Schurbon noted that there are 13 medium and lower priority issues for which watershed plan content still needs to be developed. High priority topics were addressed through facilitated discussion and board member worksheets. Mr. Schurbon suggested that for medium and lower priority topics he will write draft plan content utilizing feedback already received from stakeholders and the board. Then, he will provide it for board member review. These topics, and board comments, can be discussed at an upcoming meeting. Given that budgeting and other matters will demand time at the next scheduled meetings in January and February, adding a December meeting was discussed. **Chair Babineau moved and Mr. Downing seconded to schedule an additional meeting on December 6, 2018 at the regular time and place. Motion carried.**

D. Discuss next steps for Citizen and Technical Advisory Committee engagement
Mr. Mager moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to table item to the December 6 meeting. Motion carried.

9. Mail None

10. Other MCIT Insurance payment
It was noted that the organization's annual insurance premium invoice is often received in December, and often must be paid before the next SRWMO meeting to avoid late penalties.
Mr. Mager moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to approve payment of the anticipated MCIT insurance invoice not to exceed \$2,500. Motion carried.

11. Invoice Approval **A. Mr. Downing moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to pay the November Recording Secretary invoice for \$175. Motion carried.**

B. Mr. Mager moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to pay the ACD invoice #2018237 for \$2,000 for additional on-call administrative assistance. Motion carried.

12. Adjourn **Mr. Harrington moved and Mr. Downing seconded to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.**

Gail E. Gessner, Recording Secretary
Submitted via email on 11/29/18