

Sunrise River Water Management Organization Meeting
Thursday December 6, 2018
Meeting start time is 6:30 pm at East Bethel City Hall

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

Absent: Tim Peterson

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. Harrington moved and Mr. P. Enestvedt seconded to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.**

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

5. Financial Reports a. Treasurer's Report
Mr. Downing reported a November beginning balance of \$34,865.84 with one check written for \$2,000 and one deposit of \$259 for and ending balance of \$33,124.84. Mr. Downing asked if he needs to invoice member communities, Mr. Schurbon indicated that Mike with East Bethel usually does.
Mr. Downing was not sure what the \$259 deposit was for, approval tabled for next meeting

- b. Current grants financial report from Anoka Conservation District
Mr. Schurbon shared updates for 3 grants:
1. SRRWMO Cost share grant fund held at ACD. Current balance is about \$3,800 with no new money going in for next year
 2. Watershed based funding. Approved grant agreement from BWSR, ACD now has 50% of funds as fiscal agent. 3 projects planned add up to \$157,751. Only activity so far is Linwood Carp Feasibility Study-Carp Solutions surveys.
 3. Martin/Typo Lakes Carp Harvest Grant. \$20,496 left after last payment of \$5,000. Used \$2,350 of SRWMO \$5,000 contribution so far. ACD has not charged 2018 hours yet.

Mr. Schurbon asked if this format for grant reporting worked, members agreed it does. Mr. Mager asked about money for "upcoming projects", Mr. Schurbon indicated that there was \$8,000 for 2018 and \$10,000 for 2019 that did not yet have a home. ACD is holding it. Mr. Schurbon suggested the members think about projects to spend it on and suggested a Martin Lake Carp Harvest (\$3,411). Mr. Mager expressed concern that spending reports aren't broken down and detailed enough. Mr. Downing said he would check with Mike at East Bethel to look at the spending ledger and consider tracking finances.

6. Unfinished
Business

7. New
Business

a. Cost Share Grant Policy update

ACD recently changed cost-share grant policy making it more open and less restrictive. Jamie brought draft policy for SRWMO to consider adopting. Discussion ensued about project approval and reporting. ACD reports all projects to SRWMO.

Mr. Mager was concerned that adding more project types would be a financial burden, but Mr. Downing pointed out that more money is not going into the fund so opening up more projects will not increase spending. AIS, Groundwater, and Aquatic habitat projects were discussed. Three edits to be made to policy- Require some landowner contribution, delete AIS projects, add language to notify SRWMO Board when projects are up for ACD Board approval so members could attend and comment. **Mr. Mager moved to approve policy with three edits, Mr. Downing seconded, motion carried.**

b. Consider special meeting for watershed plan update with TAC Dec. 19, 2018 9:00am-noon at Columbus City Hall

Quorum planning to attend, Mr. Schurbon should post as a meeting. **Mr. Downing moved for Mr. Schurbon to post December 19, 2108 TAC meeting as official SRWMO meeting, Mr. Mager seconded, motion carried.**

8. Watershed
Management
Plan update
work session

a. Review draft goals/policies/actions developed at last meeting

Discussion on water monitoring goals, Mr. Schurbon prepared master table for review.

Mr. Mager and Mr. Downing would like to see lake Chloride sampling removed unless stream results become concerning. Discussion ensued about getting Secchi volunteers for small lakes. Staying in plan because cost is minimal and SRWMO wants the data.

Mr. Schurbon asked about paying for monitoring Data Creek, which flows from Isanti Co. Mr. Downing indicated that an attempt should be made to partner with Isanti Co. on cost, but if no ground is made SRWMO will pay for 1 out of 10 years of monitoring.

Mr. Schurbon started discussion about funding wish list. Members agreed that goals should be big, but realistic, so everything doesn't have to be scratched later.

Mr. Schurbon expressed vision that implementation plan be broken down by projects SRWMO for sure wants to do and project they'll do IF there's grant funding.

Mr. Mager wanted to discuss the 25% reserve fund. Members agreed 25% was too much, but some reserve was necessary. Decided 15% was better.

Mr. Schurbon moved on to communicating with member cities. Members agreed with current draft. Mr. Mager asked if SRWMO helped pay for bus tour. Mr. Schurbon indicated they had.

a. Discuss whether to include reference wetland monitoring

Discussion about other WMOs paying for it, Mr. Downing indicated that Upper Rum does, Mr. Schurbon indicated that others do as well. It helps residents at a low cost. Mr. Schurbon keeping it in plan.

b. Goal/Policy/Action setting for 13 medium and lower priority issues

Mr. Schurbon prepared draft of all for reaction by members.

Discussion about AIS

Members agreed SRWMO should not have rapid response fund or fund efforts repeated by County or U of M Extension. Agreed to help recruit volunteers. Agreed to not fund Curly-leaf pondweed treatment for recreational management but could fill gaps if water quality benefit would be shown.

Discussion on septic systems mandatory inspections

Mr. Schurbon shared that Chisago implemented successful program inspecting all systems 11+ years old and sent out letters with funds waiting to help repair leaks. Members agreed to take topic to TAC meeting to ask city opinions.

Discussion on Development

Mr. Schurbon indicated that the big new thing in this draft plan is the SRWMO board receiving sketch plans for comment. Discussion on clarifying SRWMO role and timeline. Decided to also discuss at TAC meeting with cities.

No further discussion on multi-partner coordination.

Discussion on Stormwater management This should also be brought up at TAC meeting with cities. Most actions in this section fall on cities. Mr. Mager asked whether Mr. Schurbon would have all of these points prepared for cities at TAC meeting. Mr. Schurbon indicated that he would.

Discussion on Groundwater Mr. Schurbon indicated that the main points in this section are smart irrigation controllers and infiltration standards. Discussion ensued about cost share for smart irrigation controller hardware, but not installation. Mr. Babineau asked about regulating digging holes, Mr. Downing asked if surficial or deep aquifer need to be specified. Discussion to continue in January.

Mr. Mager asked about alum feasibility study. Mr. Downing indicated that other entities really want it. Mr. Schurbon indicated it was in plan as a wish list item, not something SRWMO is for sure doing.

- a. Consider sending draft plan content to citizens advisory committee for email comment, or in-person comment at next SRWMO meeting. Members indicated that Mr. Schurbon should send out draft plan and invitation to next meeting.

- 9. Mail Chair Babineau explained that a letter was received about the annual meeting for MCIT on December 3, 2018.
- 10. Other None
- 11. Invoices None
- 12. Adjourn **Mr. D. Peterson moved to adjourn, Mr. Enestvedt seconded. Motion carried.**