

Sunrise River Water Management Organization Meeting
Thursday January 3, 2019
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)
Dan Fabian, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources
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 December 6, 2018 minutes with the following edit to Section 8c – Goal/Policy/Action setting, 3rd sentence, “Agreed to not fund Curly-leaf pondweed treatment for recreational management but could fill gaps if water quality benefit is *would be* shown. Motion carried.**
5. Watershed planning discussion w/citizen advisory members No citizen advisory committee members were present.
6. Financial Reports
- A. Treasurer’s Report
Mr. Downing reported a December beginning and ending checking account balance of \$33,124.84 with no checks written for the month. **Mr. Harrington moved and Mr. T. Peterson seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried.** Mr. Downing also presented a Budget vs. Actual 2018 report showing a positive year-end balance of \$723.07. Consensus of the Board was to continue to receive this report at regular scheduled meetings.
- B. Current grants financial report from Anoka Conservation District
Mr. Schurbon reviewed the SRWMO Current Grants Financial Report.
- SRWMO Cost Share Grant Fund for Landowners - \$3,816.53
 - 2018 Watershed Based Funding Grant from BWSR - \$157,751
 - 2017 Martin and Typo Lakes Carp Management grant from MN DNR - \$20,496
- The report also showed the disposition of funds from the SRWMO budget dedicated to water quality improvement projects. Presently there are \$3,411 unallocated to projects.
7. Unfinished Business None
8. New Business
- A. 2020 budget development
ACD developed a draft budget from the incomplete DRAFT 2020-2029 SRWMO Watershed Management Plan. While this budget represents expected expenses based upon current understanding, actual expenditures may vary amongst line items while

remaining within the total budget. \$50,000 or less is the SRWMO budget target for years 2020-2025.

The following revisions were suggested:

- Recording secretary reduce from \$2,000 to \$1,400.
- Ensure that sufficient funds are budgeted in 2020 and set aside for future years of water monitoring. Some water monitoring happens on a rotating schedule. It is important that years with more water monitoring do not have funding requests to the member communities that are greater than the target amount.
- Possibly remove line item: Update SRWMO Stormwater and Wetland Standards for \$4,800. This item may be done in 2019 through the watershed plan update, pending further discussion later in the meeting. Schurbon will delete or revise the task from the 2020 budget based on that upcoming discussion.
- Provide percentages of administration, projects, and monitoring costs on the budget sheet.
- Define and show administration costs under non-operating expenses.
- Show expenses relative to the goal of an average 20% or less of budget to go toward administration fees
- Keep budget at \$50,000, put any excess monies in undesignated reserve fund contribution.

Mr. Schurbon will bring the revised budget to the February SRWMO meeting for further discussion.

9.
Watershed
Plan Update
Work
Session

A. Review of December 19, 2018 technical advisory committee meeting

The Board reviewed the meeting notes written by Mr. Schurbon. Mr. D. Peterson noted his disappointment at the lack of member communities' staff at the meeting. A bigger push will be made to get staff members to these meetings. The meeting sites will continue to rotate between member communities.

Aquatic invasive species - Mr. Mager requested the following change to the meeting notes first bullet item: "Coon Lake's budget ~~for it is around \$80,000/yr. exceeds~~ \$89,000 for AIS treatment in 2019."

Septic systems - Mr. Mager requested the following change to the third bullet item: "East Bethel requires a septic inspection for any building permit *within the Lake District*. The owner must pay for any fixes." Mr. Harrington will verify with East Bethel that the ordinance is for permits within the Lake District and not for any building permit.

B. Stormwater and wetland standards - reviewed the summary of standards for consideration of inclusion in the 4th Generation Plan.

Stormwater

Mr. Schurbon will check on each member community's stormwater run-off treatment requirements for possible new standards set by the SRWMO.

Wetlands

It was suggested to move toward standards like those of the City of Columbus. Mr.

Schurbon will draft a revised set of standards for review. It will include consideration of existing requirements in each community.

C. Goal/policy/action setting for 7 medium and lower priority issues were reviewed with the following changes:

- 8.12 Administrative Efficiencies, Policies – remove P35 completely.
- 8.14 Ditching/Drainage – ACD to add language specifying the SRWMO encourages water quality treatment or bank stability measures to be associated with any ditch cleaning activities. For example, this might include two-stage ditches or in-line treatment ponds. The SRWMO may help pursue grant for these measures, but ditch maintenance and cleaning remains the responsibility of the existing ditch authority – Anoka County.

Mr. Schurbon will present an implementation table at the next meeting.

10. Mail A. MCIT Insurance Certificate for Outstanding Loss Ratio Under 50%.
 B. Statement of Economic Interest with the MN Campaign Finance Board – Mr. Schurbon will email interest statement filing information to board members.
11. Other A. Invoices have been sent to member communities for the first half of the 2019 budget.
 B. A check for the MCIT Insurance invoice of \$1,349.00 will be mailed.
12. Invoice **A. Mr. Downing moved and Mr. Mager seconded to pay the December Recording Approval Secretary invoice for \$175. Motion carried.**
13. Adjourn **Mr. Mager moved and Mr. Enestvedt seconded to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.**

Gail E. Gessner, Recording Secretary
Submitted via email on 1/6/18