



Sunrise River WMO

2241 – 221st Ave
Cedar, MN 55011

APPROVED MINUTES

Sunrise River Water Management Organization Meeting

Thursday October 30, 2025

Meeting was held in person at the East Bethel City Hall

1. Call to Order

Mr. Mundle called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Absent

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janet Hegland, Treasurer (Columbus)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Melchior, Secretary (Columbus)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Mundle, Chair (E Bethel)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leon Mager (E Bethel)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Troy Wolens (Ham Lake)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Hallberg (Ham Lake)

Present Absent

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Olson (Linwood)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Kelly (Linwood)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ben Harker (Linwood Alternate)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jamie Schurbon (Admin)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Kate Luthner, ACD
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: Jack Davis, Columbus

The board was notified that Ms. Hegland has resigned from the Columbus City Council. Mr. Davis, Columbus City Administrator, stated that with this she is no longer an SRWMO board member representing the city. The city council will appoint a new representative. It was noted that the treasurer position held by Ms. Hegland is now vacant. The board took no action to fill that role at this time, instead choosing to do so at its next meeting when a new Columbus representative may be known.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Wolens made a motion to dissolve the Sunrise River WMO. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mr. Melchior moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Wolens seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

4. Approval of Minutes for September 4, 2025

Mr. Mager moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Kelly seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

5. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer's report

Mr. Schurbon stated the current total balance is \$33,216.70. There's \$10,368.54 in the general fund, \$15,848.16 in reserve, and \$7,000 set aside for the watershed plan update. Mr.

Schurbon noted the invoices to be paid tonight exceed the general fund total so they will be spending down the reserve. A \$3,500 reserve spend down was planned in the 2025 budget. The actual spend down will be \$4,228.

Mr. Melchoir moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Mr. Kelly seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

B. Grants financial report

Mr. Schurbon said there was no activity to the cost share grant fund for landowners. There were staff time expenditures for the Phase II Shoreline projects, and the construction just wrapped up and will be billed soon. Watershed Based Implementation Funds will also be spent on the Phase II shoreline projects. Funds have been spent on the Ditch 20 Wetland Restoration for design and bidding, with construction this winter.

Mr. Kelly said he would like to see more awareness of the SRWMO's work on projects such as the shoreline restorations recently completed. Discussion ensued about highlighting projects at community event displays. The board favored a TV monitor showing clickable maps of projects, as well as scrolling slide shows. It was recognized that access to electricity may be limiting. Mr. Schurbon will explore doing this a future event displays. In the shorter term, Mr. Schurbon will add featured information about recent shoreline projects to the SRWMO website.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Project Updates

Mr. Schurbon updated the board on the Ditch 20 Wetland Restoration project design and location in relation to Typo Lake. 23 bids were received and the low bid was below the project estimate. Due to the lower estimate, staff is looking into the cost:benefit of excavating more material. Isanti County will be responsible in perpetuity for maintaining this project as it will be part of County Ditch 20.

Mr. Schurbon informed the board that that is a highly ranking site on County Ditch 13 that would be ideal for a similar project and has a willing landowner. Mr. Schurbon asked if the board would support a grant application for a project like this on Ditch 13.

Mr. Kelly moved to support a grant application for the Ditch 13 wetland restoration project and Mr. Mager seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Mr. Schurbon showed the board photos from the completed Phase 2 shoreline projects, explaining some different methods that were used such as log revetments, and stabilizations that included smaller rock at the base with biologs placed on top rather than directly into the water.

B. Watershed plan amendment update

Mr. Schurbon said this topic will be covered in January as the board will hold a public hearing at that meeting to finalize the process. So far the only comments received have been no comment or concern to adding the Ditch 13 Multipurpose Drainage Management Plan as a guidance document.

7. New Business
None
8. Mail
A campaign finance disclosure was received. Mr. Schurbon complete and submit this form.
9. Other
None
10. Invoice(s) approval
 - A. Recording Secretary (\$200)
 - B. Anoka Conservation District 3 of 3 \$14,397.34

Mr. Melchior moved to and Mr. Kelly seconded to pay the invoices. The motion carried with all in favor.
11. Adjourn
Mr. Kelly and the rest of the board stated they thank Ms. Hegland for her service on the SRWMO board, commending her attention to detail, energetic approach to watershed projects, and her time spent training and teaching new board members.

Mr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Mager seconded this. The motion carried and Mr. Mundle adjourned the meeting at 7:06PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Jan 8 (2026), Feb 5 (2026)

Submitted by:
Cameron Blake