



Sunrise River WMO

2241 – 221st Ave
Cedar, MN 55011

APPROVED MINUTES

Sunrise River Water Management Organization Meeting
Thursday September 12, 2024
Meeting was held in person at the East Bethel City Hall

1. Call to Order

Mr. Mundle called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Absent

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	Brian Kirkham (Ham Lake)

Present Absent

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Olson (Linwood)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Kelly (Linwood)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ben Harker (Linwood Alternate)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jamie Schurbon (Admin)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <u>Jack Davis</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

3. Approval of Agenda.

Ms. Hegland moved to approve the agenda as amended and Mr. Mager seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

4. Approval of Minutes for June 6, 2024

Ms. Hegland moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Olson seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

5. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer’s report

Ms. Hegland stated the bank balance in August was \$49,884.66 and after invoices are approved at the end of the meeting the new balance will be \$35,298.16.

Mr. Mager moved to accept the treasurer’s report as presented and Mr. Wolens seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

B. Grants financial report

Mr. Schurbon updated the board that a project was completed using SRWMO cost share grant funds, utilizing \$365.99. The project as a native plant buffer on Fawn Lake. Photos were shared with the board.

The Sunrise Chain of Lakes Shoreline Stabilizations Phase 1 Clean Water Fund grant is nearly complete. Remaining funds will go towards plant establishment services by the

nursery. Grant close out is expected at the end of the year. The separate phase 2 grant is beginning now, with landowner outreach occurring this fall and construction anticipated for 2025-2026.

FY2025 Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) to the SRWMO is the new addition to this report. Mr. Schurbon noted that the 19255 East Front Blvd Biofiltration Basin Project will use these funds and will be constructed by the end of November.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Community Events

Updates on the SRWMO booths at East Bethel Booster Day and Linwood Family Fun Day were provided by the board members who helped with those events. Columbus Fall Fest is yet to come on September 21st. Ms. Hegland and Mr. Melchoir will run that booth.

7. New Business

A. Construction Quotes – 19255 East Front Blvd Biofiltration Project

Mr. Schurbon explained this was the project the board approved at the last board meeting. He received quotes for construction for this fall, and is seeking board approval to enter into a construction contract. Funding for this project is coming from the FY25 WBIF grant, of which \$30,000 was dedicated to this project, and up to \$7,500 additionally can be used as contingency funding. Five bids were received. The low bid was from Dunaway Construction and is within budget even after considering non-contractor costs.

Mr. Schurbon said that a special meeting may be needed to pay for construction in a timely manner. Ms. Hegland asked if the payment could be pre-approved at the November 7th meeting if construction is to be completed soon thereafter? The board expressed interest in considering that at the November meeting.

Mr. Melchoir moved to approve the Dunaway Construction quote of \$25,792.90 for the 19255 East Front Blvd Biofiltration Basin Project, to authorize the Chair to execute a construction contract, to authorize additional expenditures of \$850 for a Rain Guardian Bunker and up to \$3,000 to utility relocates. He also moved to authorize the Chair, or Vice Chair in the Chair's absence, to approve change orders or deviations from the budget of up to \$6,000. Seconded by Mr. Olson. The motion carried with all in favor.

B. Upcoming possible projects

Mr. Schurbon requested and was awarded funding from the Lower St. Croix Partnership to conduct a \$7,000 study to identify and rank water quality projects within the Ditch 13th subwatershed. It will be done in conjunction with county ditch inspections. This study will happen this fall. The study area is outside the SRWMO, but very near and benefits are nearly entirely to the downstream SRWMO lakes. The funding award is to the Anoka Conservation District and there is no cost to the SRWMO.

Mr. Schurbon submitted a Clean Water Fund competitive grant application for a wetland restoration project that would benefit water quality for Typo and Martin Lakes by treating

runoff from Ditch 20. This has been a long-considered project with significant pollutant reduction, and the landowners are now interested. The Anoka Conservation District is the grant applicant. The project location is technically outside the SRWMO boundary but the benefits are nearly entirely to the SRWMO area.

Ten percent grant match is required, which will be \$22,138. One match option to be explored is valuing excavated soil disposal on the landowner's property instead of trucking it off site. If this is not allowed by grant policy, the SRWMO and landowner would likely be asked for cash contributions. Grant award decisions are made in December.

9. Mail

None was received.

10. Other

Mr. Mager updated the board that a project was completed on Coon Lake to remove invasive narrow leaf cattail from 900 feet of shoreline (approximately 40 feet wide). This project was permitted by the MNDNR, who has also been involved in invasive cattail removal up north. Private landowners coordinated the project. Mr. Mager explained the narrow leaf cattail is not ecologically beneficial to lake ecosystems. Mr. Mager said the University of Minnesota conducted a study on the cattail including study sites in Coon Lake and Big Marine Lake. The study results should be out this fall.

The group discussed that several board members are up for re-election to their city council seats. This may result in changes to SRWMO board appointments.

11. Invoice(s) approval

- A. Recording Secretary \$200.00
- B. Attorney – Town Law Center \$136.50
- C. Anoka Conservation District – Water monitoring and management \$14,250.00

Mr. Wolens moved to and Mr. Harker seconded to pay all the invoices. The motion carried with all in favor.

12. Adjourn

Mr. Melchior moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Wolens seconded this. The motion carried and Mr. Mundle adjourned the meeting at 7:40PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Nov 7, Jan 2 (2025), and Feb 6 (2025)

Submitted by:

Cameron Blake