

Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization
Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2019

Chair West called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: John West, Dan Denno, Tim Harrington, Matt Downing, Sandy Flaherty, Dan Breyen, Jessica Rieland, Radja Lohse

Absent: Lan Tornes, David Olsrud, Jerry Tveit,

Audience: Chuck Schwartz and Amber Converse, MSA

3. Adopt Agenda **Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Downing seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
4. Approve Minutes **Mr. Denno moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the February 20, 2019 minutes as written. Motion carried.**
5. Treasurer's Report A. Financial report
Ms. Flaherty reported an ending balance of \$11,399.79 for February 2019.
- B. Budget Billings Update
Payment has not been received from St. Francis nor Nowthen. Ms. Gessner will send a follow-up billing.
- Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Downing seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.**
6. Unfinished Business No unfinished business was discussed.
7. New Business No new business was discussed.
8. 4th Generation Comprehensive Plan (Plan) Public Hearing Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Converse gave a brief Plan presentation of the following:
- Purpose of watershed planning
 - Schedule for the Plan
 - Plan Structure
 - Goals
 - Strategies & Implementation
 - Highlight of Project Selection
 - Highlight of Subwatershed Assessment Studies
 - Monitoring Progress towards Goals
 - Open Discussion

Chair West opened the public hearing at 7:07 pm.

If the Plan is approved tonight, it will be sent to Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) tomorrow to start the 90-day review.

Via message, Mr. Schurbon of Anoka Conservation District (ACD) encouraged the Board to make sure Goal C2 “Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will convene to revise wetland buffer standards” is done.

Water Quality - The Board consensus was to have member communities follow State Standards. The Plan needs to be modified to reflect this decision.

The use of Subwatershed Assessment Studies (SWAS) can be used when identifying projects.

- Existing SWAS adopted as guidance documents
 - Lake George Water Quality Improvement Assessment Phase 1: Lakeshed Analysis
 - Rum River Field Assessment (2017 and 2018)
 - City of St. Francis Stormwater Retrofit Analysis
- Future SWAS can be added to the Plan as guidance documents
- TAC will review and recommend projects to the Board
- Leverage Grant Funding

Future SWAS prioritization:

- Highest priority – Rum River direct drainage (minor watershed #21095), Pickerel Lake, Ford Brook
- Medium priority – Seelye Brook, East Twin Lake, others as recommended by the TAC

Chair West closed the public hearing at 7:29 pm.

Mr. Downing moved and Mr. Breyen seconded to approve the 4th Generation Comprehensive Plan and to direct MSA to move into the 90-day review process.

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| 9. Mail | None |
| 10. Other | Mr. Breyen checked the budget billing invoice to Nowthen and noticed that the former deputy clerk’s email was used. Ms. Gessner will correct the email and send a budget billing invoice to the new email address. |
| 12. Adjourn | Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Lohse seconded to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Motion carried. |