

APPROVED MINUTES

Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chair West called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: John West, Lan Tornes, Tim Harrington, Matt Downing, Sandy Flaherty, Dan Breyen, Joel Greenberg, Radja Lohse, Dan Denno.

Absent: David Olsrud, Ryan Seguin

Audience: Jamie Schurbon, Anoka Conservation District (ACD)

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Flaherty requested that city reviews of URRWMO-required ordinances update be added as item 6d under old business to ensure continuation of discussion on this item from the previous meeting.

Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of item 6d. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Three edits to the minutes were requested. First, Mr. Harrington noted that item 8 E. Bethel Stormwater study could be misinterpreted at East Bethel instead of item E. The text should be modified for clarity. Second, it was noted that the beginning of the minutes stated it was a conference call meeting, but it should be more accurately described as a Zoom virtual meeting. Finally, it was noted that the minutes were incomplete regarding nomination of a treasurer. It should be added that Ms. Flaherty was nominated by Mr. Breyen and Mr. West provided the second. **Mr. Harrington moved and Mr. Downing seconded to approve the May 5, 2020 minutes with the three revisions noted. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report

Ms. Flaherty reported

\$27,920.47	April starting balance
- 13,009.00	Debits
+ .00	Deposits
\$14,911.47	Ending balance

Ms. Flaherty noted that if payment of this meeting's bills is approved the remaining balance will be \$1,177.47.

Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receipt of Budget Billings Update

Ms. Flaherty reported no change.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Audit Update

The board reviewed the audit prepared by Mike Pofahl, CPA. The findings were positive.

Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Tornes seconded to approve the 2019 audit. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2021 Budget Adoption

All six URRWMO cities have ratified the 2021 budget.

Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to adopt the 2021 budget totaling \$44,217.50. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Watershed Based Implementation Funding update

Mr. Downing reported that the convene group working to create a work pan for WBIF has met twice. A list of projects has been narrowed with a focus on projects over studies. Additional meetings are planned.

D. City Reviews of URRWMO-Required Ordinances

There has been no change. Oak Grove and Bethel have not completed their ordinance reviews. This item should be revisited at the next URRWMO meeting.

7. New Business

A. URRWMO Logo

Mr. Schurbon presented 13 concept logos. After discussion, board members favored choices A and F, noting they are similar. The choice of which to use will depend upon the available space in each application.



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Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Lohse seconded to use option A and F for the URRWMO logo, provided that the font in F is changed to match A. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 1W1P Implementation Organizational Arrangements

Mr. Schurbon described that a legal agreement is required for implementation of the Rum River One Watershed One Plan. Two options are a joint powers collaboration and joint powers entity. The partners involved in planning are being asked their preference by August.

By consensus the URRWMO board favors a joint powers entity. Reasons include lessened liability for the URRWMO and more efficient decision-making processes. Specific things the URRWMO would like to see in the agreement include:

- Participating entities should have a voting representative on the new entity. Voting representatives should be elected or appointed officials, not staff.
- The entity's authority should focus on creating work plans for watershed based implementation fund grants.
- No taxing or regulating authority for the new entity.
- The entity should not be capable of requiring member entities to pay dues. Grant funds are the preferred source of paying administration.
- Members should have equal voting rights. Voting weight should not be split based on land area, population or other factors.

9. Mail

None

10. Other

None

11. Invoice(s)

A. Anoka Conservation District invoice 1 of 3 for 2020 work contract

Mr. Downing moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the Anoka Conservation District invoice 1 of 3 for 2020 work contract for the amount of \$12,634. Mr. Breyen moved to amend the motion to also include approval of payment of \$1,100 to CPA Michael Pohfal for the 2019 audit. Mr. Harrington seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Michael Pofahl, Auditor invoice

Addressed in the motion for the previous agenda item.

C. Recording Secretary June invoice

The Recording Secretary was unable to attend the meeting so there is no invoice and no action needed.

12. Adjourn

Mr. Downing moved and Mr. Breyen seconded to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Jamie Schurbon