



Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chair West called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dan Denno, John West, Dan Breyen, Joel Greenberg (joined at 6:36 p.m.), Lan Tornes, Sandy Flaherty, Matt Downing (joined at 6:34 p.m.), Tim Harrington, and Radja Lohse.

Absent: David Olsrud, Ryan Seguin

Audience: Jamie Schurbon, Anoka Conservation District (ACD), Katie Kalland, recording secretary.

3. Approval of Agenda

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Mr. Denno requested to move agenda item 6b up to 3b, **Mr. Breyen moved to approve the agenda with item 6b (Recording Secretary position) moved up to 3b. Mr. Denno to seconded. Roll call vote passed with all ayes and one abstention from Joel Greenberg.**

b. Recording Secretary position

Mr. Schurbon explained that the Recording Secretary position was publicized on the URRWMO website and to the member communities. A quote was received from one person, Katie Kalland. Mr. Denno explained to the group why he feels Ms. Kalland would be a good fit for the recording secretary position. Her rates are \$175.00 per meeting, \$20.00 per hour for additional hourly work. Mr. Breyen inquired about hourly rate and extra meetings. Mr. Denno explained that if there was no meeting there would be no bill from the recording secretary. Ms. Kalland agreed that she would charge the hourly rate for her drive time if the meeting was canceled prior to her leaving or no quorum when she arrived. **Motion to accept Katie Kalland as Recording Secretary from Mr. Denno, Mr. Harrington second. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Approval of Minutes for September 1, 2020.

Mr. Denno moved to approve the minute of September 1, 2020 as presented. to make a motion. Mr. Lohse seconded. Roll call vote. Motion to passed with all ayes and one abstention from Mr. Downing.

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Report

Ms. Flaherty reported that in the previous meeting we approved two invoices that we didn't have any funds for. One being the annual insurance premium and the second being the 3/3 payments for ACD. Ms. Flaherty monitored when those funds were received and put those payment checks in the mail.

\$1,177.47	August ending balance
\$17,141.44	September ending deposits
\$5,276.72	October deposits
\$7,509.16	October balance

Ms. Flaherty noted all cities have paid second half invoices. **Motion to accept the financial report by Mr. Harrington, second by Mr. Breyen. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Member Community Invoicing Update

Ms. Flaherty noted all cities have paid second half 2020 invoices. Mr. Schurbon was asked to prepare the 2021 invoice and email it to the member cities.

6. Unfinished Business

a. URRWMO Insurance

Mr. Schurbon presented an insurance quote from the MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust which is \$49 less costly than the URRWMO's current insurance. He also noted that current insurance rates have been unchanged for more than 10 years while MCIT rates increased 21% for 2021 for a neighboring WMO.

Mr. West expressed concern about changing insurance stating it's not worth the hassle. Mr. Denno noted that the League of Minnesota Cities also gives a rebate of up to 10% that we haven't received yet. Mr. Breyen noted that it's a good idea to search around for different quotes but only change if it's to our favor. No action taken.

b. Recording Secretary position. Moved to item 3b.

c. Oak Grove and Bethel Reviews of URRWMO-Required Ordinances

Mr. Schurbon followed up with Chuck Schwartz regarding Oak Grove. Oak Grove is all up to date. The city of Bethel ordinances are still under review. Chuck Schwartz believes they will be done by the end of the year. Keep the city of Bethel on the agenda for next meeting.

d. Ham Lake and East Bethel Local Water Plans

Ham Lake and East Bethel local water plans have not approved by the URRWMO. No new draft from Ham Lake has been received. East Bethel has replied to all URRWMO comments and provided and updated draft. Mr. Schurbon recommends a motion to approve the East Bethel local water plan. **Mr. Harrington moved to approve the East Bethel local water plan. Mr. Breyen to second. Roll call vote. Motion to pass unanimously.**

e. One Watershed One Plan Update

Mr. Schurbon gave an . The planning group is looking for a legal arrangement for implementation of the plan when completed. A team of attorneys from multiple parties has recommended a legal agreement that is a hybrid between a joint powers collaboration and joint powers entity. No draft yet. Mr. Schurbon stated that participants weighed the pros and cons. Mr. Downing is hopeful it works out but stated

this process has been frustratingly slow. Mr. West notes that hybrid is a red flag to him. Mr. Downing agreed, and would prefer to have it one way or the other. Mr. Downing noted with 17 different entities you have to compromise. Mr. Downing believes there will be a resolution at the upcoming meeting on December 12, 2020. Mr. West noted that our next meeting is January 5, 2021 and that we would have more information at the time.

7. New Business

- a. None

8. Mail

9. Other

10. Invoice(s)

- a. Ms. Flaherty states that we don't have any outstanding invoices. Mr. Schurbon noted that Ms. Kalland should make an invoice for today's meeting to go on the January 5th, 2021 meeting agenda.

11. Adjourn

- a. **Mr. Harrington moved for adjournment at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Tornes seconded. Roll call vote. Nays: Mr. West, Mr. Downing. Ayes: All other members present. Motion passed.**

Submitted by: Katie Kalland, Recording Secretary