



Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021  
DRAFT MINUTES NOT YET APPROVED

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Dan Denno

Audience: Jared Wagner, Anoka Conservation District (ACD), Katie Kalland, Recording Secretary.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Breyen requested to discuss a change of status of the meeting under item 9. **Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the agenda as altered. Roll call vote conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Lohse seconded to approve the January 5, 2021 minutes. Roll call vote conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Report

Ms. Flaherty stated she was having computer and printer difficulties therefore couldn't get the bank statements out.

December balance \$7,509.16

January balance \$17,976.15

February balance \$17,976.15

**Mr. Breyen moved and Mr. Tornes seconded to approve the Financial Report. Roll call vote conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Member community invoicing update

Ms. Flaherty explained that the cities of Bethel, Nowthen, and St. Francis have paid the first half of their budgets.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Watershed Management Plan Amendment – Public Hearing

Mr. Wagner gave an update that the URRWMO's proposed watershed plan amendment had been submitted to State review agencies for an initial 30-day comment period. An outcome was that the MN BWSR determined the URRWMO's proposed watershed plan amendment is a minor amendment. Comments received are provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Wagner stated that to proceed with the amendment process the next steps are a public hearing, any edits in response to comments,, vote of approval, and distribution of the Plan amendment as required in State Rule. Mr. West questioned whether the Public Hearing had been properly noticed? Mr. Wagner replied that the process has been managed by Jamie Schurbon and he did not know what public notices had been completed. Due to this uncertainty, the Chair determined that this agenda item should be tabled until the next meeting and Mr. Wagner will ensure legally required public notice is completed.

b. One Watershed One Plan update and approve joint powers agreement content

Mr. Downing gave an update on the joint powers arrangement. Mr. Downing recommends approval. The agreement was prepared by an attorney group.. Mr. Wagner explained that the URRWMO is not being asked to join the agreement at this point; rather the URRWMO is being asked to approve the direction and content of the agreement.

**Mr. Tornes moved to approval the content of the One Watershed One Plan draft joint powers agreement. Mr. Downing seconded. Roll call vote conducted. Nays: Mr. Breyen. Ayes: All other present members.**

c. 2021 quotes for professional services

Mr. West sent out many letters to receive quotes and only received one back from ACD.

**Mr. Breyen moved to approve 2021 professional services contract for ACD. Mr. Harrington seconded. Roll call vote conducted. Motion passes unanimously.**

d. 2022 draft budget

Mr. Wagner stated that Bethel is the only city that has not ratified the budget. Ratifications were requested by March 1, 2021. ChairWest stated this should be tabled and put on the next agenda. No action at this time.

e. Bethel reviews of URRWMO-required ordinances

Mr. Wagner explained that the status of Bethel's ordinances are unchanged. Delay in Bethel's required ordinances is partly due to COVID-related delays in approval of their comprehensive plan. No action at this time.

f. Ham Lake local water plan

Mr. Wagner stated that the status of Ham Lake's local water plan is unchanged. We are awaiting an updated draft to consider approval. No action at this time.

7. New Business

a. 2020 work results report – Anoka Co Water Resources Outreach Collaborative

Mr. Wagner gave an update on Anoka County Water Resources outreach program. Mr. Wagner explains page 4 of the report and the interactions with the public. Mr. Tornes expressed that Emily Johnson did a great job overall with the outreach.

b. 2020 work results report – Anoka Conservation District

Mr. Wagner presented 2020 work results with emphasis on Lake George water quality. Mr. Wagner stated that Lake George has received an “A” rating three years in a row. Mr. Wagner explained precipitation plays a significant roll in the Lake George’s clarity and ACD will continue to study it.

c. 2020 URRWMO mini-report to cities

Mr. Wagner presented mini-reports prepared by Mr. Schurbon. These will be provided to URRWMO city councils. Board members are encouraged to attend a city council meeting to presented. Mr. West suggested a hybrid concept by first sending the report to the cities and then asking URRWMO board members to be present at the council meeting when it is discussed so any questions can be answered. Mr. Wagner will ask cities to notify their URRWMO board members hen the report is on a city council agenda.

8. Mail

None

9. Other – Changing status of meeting

Mr. Breyen asks the other members about meeting in person for future meetings. Ms. Flaherty states that she would be ok with it as long as social distancing is in place. Mr. Greenberg stated that he could go either way. Mr. Harrington stated that he doesn’t have a problem with meeting in person. Ms. Kalland stated either way would work for her as well. Mr. West would like the next agenda to reflect that the URRWMO will meet in person in the council chambers of Oak Grove City Hall.

10. Invoice(s)

Recording Secretary services for 1-5-2021 meeting \$175.00. Mr. West and Ms. Flaherty to meet up at the end of the week to get a check out to Ms. Kalland. **Mr. Harrington moved to approve the invoice for the recording secretary. Mr. Breyen seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

11. Adjourn

**Mr. Downing made a motion for adjournment at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Breyen seconded. Roll call vote. Nays: Mr. West. Ayes: All other members present.**

Submitted by: Katie Kalland, Recording Secretary