



UPPER RUM RIVER

Watershed Management Organization

Regular Meeting for **Tuesday, July 13, 2022 6:30 pm**

Meeting location: Oak Grove City Hall. 19900 Nightingale St NW Oak Grove, MN

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Present: John West, Dan Denno, Patrick Sullivan, Joel Greenberg, Dan Breyen, Tim Harrington, Radja Lohse, Troy Wolens.

Absent: Ryan Sequin, Andrew Wood, Jeff Enstminger.

Audience: Jamie Schurbon (ACD), Katie Kalland (recording secretary), Jim Lindahl (ACD).

2. Adopt Agenda

Mr. Harrington made a motion to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Lohse. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for May 3, 2022

Mr. Breyen made a motion to approve the minutes for May 3, 2022. Mr. Harrington seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

a. Financial report

Mr. Sullivan presented an updated financial report to the board. Mr. Breyen made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Lohse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Member community invoicing update

Mr. Sullivan explained that Oak Grove, Bethel, Ham Lake, Nowthen have paid second half contribution. All member cities are current.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Bethel reviews of URRWMO-required ordinances

Bethel is still following up. No definitive answer. Mr. Sullivan to follow up with Bethel and give an update at the next URRWMO meeting.

b. 2023 budget ratifications

Mr. Schurbon stated that at the May URRWMO board meeting the 2023 budget was approved contingent upon receipt of ratifications from Bethel and Nowthen. Bethel's and Nowthen's ratifications have been received. No further action is needed.

c. URRWMO joint powers agreement

Mr. Schurbon stated housekeeping edits to the JPA have not been progressing as we are waiting on additional discussions about the funding formula. As of now only 2 cities (Bethel and Ham Lake) are in favor of changing the funding formula. Mr. Schurbon reported that the administrators from Ham Lake and Bethel have recommended that JPE amendments continue to be paused until after the Sunrise

River WMO holds facilitated meetings regarding its funding formula. That process may result in solutions applicable to the URRWMO as well. The URRWMO board did not object to this approach.

d. Rum Riverbank stabilizations update

Mr. Schurbon gave an update to the board, with projects proceeding at Dellwood Community Park in St. Francis and Rum Central Regional Park. He stated there is difficulty finding sufficient funding for an area of severe erosion on private properties in Oak Grove.

e. Lake George shoreline stabilizations update

Mr. Schurbon stated that 6 homeowners are getting shoreline stabilizations and sites were selected for likelihood of success and benefit to the lake. Construction should be completed by September 30, 2022.

5. New Business

a. Consider joining Rum Watershed Partnership

Mr. Schurbon stated that the Rum Watershed Partnership is the joint powers entity that will implement the plan developed during the One Watershed One Plan process (1W1P). Mr. Denno asked for clarification of the funding operations. Mr. Schurbon explained that the parties should only be responsible for financial contributions they each voluntarily agree to. Mr. Greenberg asked if the URRWMO would be dissolved if we joined Rum River Partnership. Mr. Schurbon answered no. The URRWMO is an eligible party to the Rum Watershed Partnership JPE. Cities do not vote on whether to join; the URRWMO board does. Mr. Denno indicated his concern with the Rum River Partnership, questioned who the governing board is. Mr. Schurbon explained that the governing board is made of one representative from each party that joins the JPE and eligible parties include counties, SWCDs, watershed organizations, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibew. The board will have a Chair, Vice Chair, and perhaps other officers, but all representatives will vote.

Mr. Schurbon stated the deadline to be an initial party to the Partnership is July 28. The advantages of being an initial party include voting on the first bylaws, grant fund decisions, etc. Parties can join later too.

Mr. West asked about Mr. Schurbon fees for staff to represent the URRWMO at the Partnership and if this would be included in administrative charges already being paid. Mr. Schurbon stated this not specifically included now but he thinks it can be accomplished within the amounts currently planned.

Mr. Denno discussed reimbursing the URRWMO's primary and alternate representatives to the Partnership for expenses like mileage to attend meetings. **Mr. Denno made motion to join the Rum River Partnership. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Mr. West requested a roll call vote:**

Yay: Mr. Denno, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Harrington.

Nay: Mr. West, Mr. Breyen, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Wolens, Mr. Lohse.

3 yay, 5 nay; motion not passed.

b. Insurance renewal and not waiving statutory tort limits

Mr. Schurbon discussed authorizing the Chair to sign 2022-23 insurance documents to bind coverages with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. **Mr. Breyen made motion for the insurance renewal and to not waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Seconded by Mr. Wolens. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Aerial photos funding request from Anoka County

Mr. Schurbon explained how helpful these aerial photos can be. The cost is \$1,000.00. Mr. Lindahl stated that the board can ask the cities to fund this. Mr. Breyen stated we should bring this up at budget time next year. **Mr. Denno made a motion to not provide funds to Anoka County for aerial photos. Mr. Greenberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Mail

Mr. Sullivan stated that he received checks from Oak Grove, Bethel, Ham Lake, and Nowthen.

7. Other

None

8. Invoice(s)

- a. Recording Secretary services for 5-3-2022 meeting \$175.00

Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the invoice for recording secretary services from 5-3-22. Mr. Breyen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

- b. Anoka Conservation District 2022 services invoice 1 of 3 \$11,575.33

Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the first invoice of Anoka Conservation District 2022 for \$11,575.33. Mr. Breyen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Lohse made a motion to for adjournment at 7:24 p.m. Mr. Wolens seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Katie Kalland, Recording Secretary

Upcoming meetings: 2022 - September 6, November 1
2023 – January 3, March 7, May 2