

Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization
Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2018

1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Roll Call Present: Vice Chair Lan Tornes, Scott Heaton, Randy Bettinger, John West
Absent: Chair Dan Denno, Ann Arcand, Tom Ronning, Jerry Tveit, David Olsrud

A. Welcome Al Viall, City of Nowthen Representative
It was reported that the City of Nowthen received and accepted a formal resignation from Al Viall.

3. Adopt Agenda **Mr. West moved and Mr. Bettinger seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

4. Approve Minutes **Mr. Bettinger moved and Vice Chair Tornes seconded to table the November 8, 2017 minutes to the March agenda. Motion carried.**

5. Treasurer's Report Vice Chair Tornes reported that the outstanding checks from East Bethel and St. Francis were both received. There is now enough money in the account to pay bills.

6. Unfinished Business A. Revised URRWMO Engineer Update Memorandum from MSA

Final Plan Approval

On behalf of the URRWMO, MSA submitted a letter to BWSR in November requesting that the 90-day plan submittal be withdrawn. BWSR then requested a meeting with MSA to discuss their concerns and how best to move forward. Meeting attendees included Amber Converse and Eric Thompson (via Skype), Dan Fabian, Kevin Bigalke, BWSR Central Region Manager, and Chuck Schwartz
Topics discussed included:
 - Plan obligations placed on member communities, ACD and URRWMO Board members. BWSR is concerned plan budget does not reflect realistic costs or time commitment. Inquired as to whether agreements from ACD have been obtained.
 - BSWR's desire for the URRWMO to have a "designated technical staff person" for a set number of hours per month.
 - Public involvement during plan development and proposed funding justification.
 - BWSR's desire for more defined project locations, costs and when the work is going to take place.
 - The need for a joint workshop with URRWMO, ACD, BWSR, and MSA.
The Lower Rum River WMO and ACD boards have passed resolutions of support, as have most upstream entities. The URRWMO was asked to consider a provided resolution. The resolution only supports upstream counties in a grant application. It does not commit the URRWMO to future participation, though the URRWMO may choose to do so.

Mr. Bettinger moved and Vice Chair Tornes seconded to pass the Resolution to support a Rum River Major Watershed One Watershed, One Plan Implementation Framework Project. Motion carried.

B. 2019 Budget

ACD provided a 2019 cost estimate for water monitoring, website, newsletter article and grant applications; it assumes no changes from the recent years. However, the amount is not the same as the previous year because water monitoring sites rotate among years.

Ms. Gessner was directed to update the 2018 budget with the information provided from ACD which will serve as a rough draft 2019 budget for budgeting purposes. Ms. Gessner will email the rough draft to board members and ACD only. This item will be on the March agenda.

C. Set workshop date to discuss agency responses and revisions to the Plan

Vice Chair Tornes moved and Mr. West seconded to set a joint workshop with URRWMO, ACD, BWSR, and MSA for Monday, January 22 @ 7:00 pm at Oak Grove City Hall. Motion carried. Board members not in attendance are asked to reply to Chair Denno and the Recording Secretary if this date works for them. If not, they are asked to consider January 18th or January 25th.

8. Mail None

9. Other No other business.

10. Invoice(s) A. Anoka Conservation District Invoice #2017268 \$300 for website security installation
B. Recording Secretary January 2018 invoice for \$200 (\$175 + \$25 budget billing)
C. MSA Invoices: #9 for \$1,798.54, #10 for \$1,296.68, #11 for \$411.15, #12 for \$147.13

Mr. Bettinger moved and Mr. West seconded to approve all invoices as presented. Motion carried.

11. Adjourn **Mr. Heaton moved and Mr. Bettinger seconded to adjourn at 7:52 pm.**