

Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization  
Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2018, 2018

1. Call to Order      The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
  
2. Roll Call            Present: Chair Dan Denno, Lan Tornes, Randy Bettinger, John West, Tim Harrington, Matt Downing  
  
Absent: Scott Heaton, Ann Arcand, Jerry Tveit, David Olsrud, Sandy Flaherty  
  
Audience: Chris Lord, Anoka Conservation District (ACD)  
              Jared Wagner, Anoka Conservation District (ACD)  
              Dan Fabian, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)  
              Kevin Bigalke, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
  
3. Adopt Agenda      **Mr. West moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Receipt of 2017 Anoka Water Almanac under Other. Motion carried.**
  
4. Approve Minutes      **Mr. West moved and Mr. Tornes seconded to approve both the November 8, 2017 minutes and the January 2, 2018 minutes as written. Motion carried.**
  
5. Treasurer's Report      Chair Denno reported a starting balance of \$15,805.69, less outstanding checks for \$870.83, leaving a balance of \$14,934.86. There was a deposit from East Bethel for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 2018 budget. To date, a check has not been received from the City of St. Francis for the 1<sup>st</sup> half billing of 2018. Ms. Gessner was directed to resend the invoice to the City of St. Francis.
  
6. Unfinished Business      A. 2019 Draft Budget approval to submit to member cities for ratification  
**Mr. West moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to direct Ms. Gessner to submit the 2019 Draft Budget to member cities for ratification no later than April 27, 2018. Motion carried.**
  
7. New Business        A. 2018 Work Contract with ACD  
**Mr. Tornes moved and Mr. Bettinger seconded to approve the 2018 Work Contract as written. Motion carried.**  
  
B. Watershed Based Funding
  1. Decision to participate  
**Mr. Tornes moved and Mr. West seconded to have the URRWMO participate in the Water Based Funding Pilot Program. Motion carried.**
  
  2. Designate a representative  
**Chair Denno moved and Mr. Downing seconded to appoint Lan Tornes as the URRWMO representative and John West as the alternate representative to the Watershed Based Funding Pilot Program. Motion carried.**

3. Send email confirming participation  
Mr. Tornes will send an email to Jamie Schurbon, ACD confirming the URRWMO's approved participation in the Watershed Based Funding Pilot Program with Lan Tornes as the designated representative and John West as the designated alternate representative.
4. Poll redo  
Mr. Tornes will fill out the poll on Basic Funding Model Tenets.
5. MCWD letter  
The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers letter to BWSR stating concerns with the Watershed Based Funding Pilot Program was received and the concerns were noted.

8. Mail                   Received MSA invoices.
9. Other                 Mr. Lord, ACD, distributed copies of Excerpt from the 2017 Anoka Water Almanac to board members.
10. Invoice(s)           A. City of Oak Grove invoice for attorney services for \$187.50.  
                              B. Recording Secretary March 2018 invoice for \$200 (\$175 + \$25 draft budget)  
                              C. MSA Invoices: #8 for \$2,718.93, #9 for \$1,798.54, #10 for \$1,296.68, #11 for \$411.15, #12 for \$147.13, #13 for \$870.83, #14 for \$220.83 totaling \$7,243.26.  
**Mr. West moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to approve and pay all invoices as presented. Motion carried.**
11. Adjourn             **Mr. West moved and Mr. Harrington seconded to adjourn at 7:41 pm.**

Gail Gessner, Recording Secretary  
Submitted 3/6/18