

**RBWMO Meeting  
Monday, October 02, 2017  
Bloomington Civic Plaza  
1800 West Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431-3027**

**CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM**

Chair Kim Vlasisavljevich called the 2017 Meeting of the Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization (RBWMO) to order at 6:00pm.

*Bloomington Council Present:* Mayor G. Winstead; Councilmembers K. Vlasisavljevich, J. Oleson, T. Busse, J. Baloga, D. Lowman

*Richfield Council Present:* Mayor P. Elliott, Councilmember M. R. Gonzalez

*Bloomington Staff Present:* Bryan Gruidl, Melissa Manderschied, Kris Wilson, Denise Christenson

*Richfield Staff Present:* Kristin Asher, Steve Devich

*Guest Present:* Steve Christopher, Board Conservationist

*Staff Absent:* Councilmember E. Spencer; K. Keel, S. Trautmann, M. Howard

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Elliott, and all voting aye, to approve the minutes from ~~March 21, 2016~~ **[February 28, 2017]**. Motion carried 10-0.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Elliott, seconded by Busse, and all voting aye, to review and approve the agenda. Motion carried 10-0.

**RBWMO Watershed Management Plan Update and Public Hearing**

Gruidl provided an updated on the watershed management plan via PowerPoint presentation. Explained that RBWMO is 7.55 square miles and is predominantly residential with some commercial. Showed a list of recent accomplishments and programs including the monitoring program and self assessment project. Explained that the Watershed plan must be updated every 10 years and explained the three phases in the approach.

1. Pre Plan Development Phase
2. Plan Development Phase
3. Plan Approval Phase

Gruidl provided a review of some of the received comments. Explained the plan approval process that includes the public hearing tonight, submission to BWSR for final review October 2017, and adopting the plan at the annual board meeting in March 2018.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Lowman, and all voting aye, to

approve the minutes ~~from March 21, 2016~~. Motion carried 10-0.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Lowman, and all voting aye, to open the public hearing. Motion carried 11-0.

Motion was made by Oleson, seconded by Elliott, and all voting aye, to close the public hearing. Motion carried 11-0.

Elliot asked what grant funding facilities are available and what future projects may or may not be applicable on an annual basis. Would like a framework.

Gruidl responded said there are multiple opportunities for grants. It could be through the Board of Water and Soil Resources, which could fund infrastructure improvements to implement rainwater gardens. Should RBWMO decide they want to offer a grant program to encourage local homeowners to do different stormwater best practices onsite, there would be grant money available to help facilitate that. Using the Clean Water Legacy fund to help get the education program off the ground. Most often the grant applications are channeled through BWSR and should the WMO decide that it's something we want to go after, one City would be responsible for spearheading, would apply, and would do the grant reporting.

Christopher said the City of Bloomington did successfully apply for cleanwater fund grant dollars for a salt reduction project for Public Works. Given the makeup of the WMO, there could be opportunities within the public facilities authority to get money through the MPCA.

Motion was made by Busse, seconded by Lowman, and all voting aye, to approve the RBWMO Watershed Plan for the 90 day board and water resources review with the incorporation of the changes reviewed. Motion carried 11-0.

Gruidl said part of rolling out the plan is to work on developing the plan with the local schools and nature center and potentially with USFWS. The biggest comment is the bussing cost and the cost to get kids there. Will work with stakeholders while developing that.

Christopher said the 90 day comment period is a 90 day window under which we have to make a decision on the proposed plan. Is anticipating it would come before his board in their December meeting. Then this body would then have 120 days to adopt.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Lowman, and all voting aye, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 11-0.

Chair K. Vlasisavljevich adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.

Denise Christenson  
*City Council Secretary*