



RBWMO Meeting APPROVED MINUTES

**RBWMO Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Richfield City Hall
6700 Portland Ave S
Richfield, Minnesota 55423**

- CALL TO ORDER - 6:05 PM** Councilmember Martin called the 2019 meeting of the Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization (RBWMO) to order at 6:05pm.
- Bloomington Council Present:* Mayor G. Winstead; Councilmembers T. Busse, J. Baloga, P. Martin, S. Nelson,
- Richfield Council Present:* Mayor M. Regan Gonzalez; Councilmembers S. Trautmann, M. Supple, E. Garcia, B. Wahlen
- Bloomington Staff Present:* Bryan Gruidl, Julie Long, Steve Segar, Karl Keel, Jamie Verbrugge
- Richfield Staff Present:* Kristin Asher, Katie Rodriguez, Jeff Pearson, Patrick Martin
- Other:* Board Conservationist Steve Christopher
- Absent:* N. Coulter
- Approval of March 5, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes** Motion by Winstead to approve the March 5, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes, seconded by Busse. Motion carried unanimously.
- Review and Approval of Agenda** Motion by Garcia to approve Agenda, seconded by Trautmann. Motion carried unanimously.
- Election of Officers for 2019** Motion by Supple to nominate of Patrick Martin (Bloomington) as Chair. Seconded by Busse. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Garcia to nominate Mary Supple as Vice Chair. Seconded by Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Gonzalez to nominate Simon Trautmann as Secretary. Seconded by Supple. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Busse to nominate Nathan Coulter as Treasurer. Seconded by Supple. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approve 2019 staff appointments for Executive Director Bryan Gruidl. Motion by

Approve 2019 staff appointments

Trautmann. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve 2019 staff appointments for Assistant Director Jeff Pearson. Motion by Busse. Seconded by Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Gruidl provided overview of RBWMO via PowerPoint. Report will go to BWSR. Explained the technical advisory committee and the monitoring program.

Gruidl explained the WMO monitoring program, highlighting Smith Park Pond and the downward trend of summer annual total phosphorus concentration.

Gruidl also explained 2018 activity within the WMO. The Updated Watershed Management Plan was adopted in March of 2018 and a Watershed Steward capstone project was sponsored. Both Richfield and Bloomington updated their local water plans as part of each City's overall comprehensive plan update. RBWMO is an approving agency and commented on both local water plans.

The 2019 Work Plan was reviewed, outlining goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Working with Hennepin County in their Watershed Based Funding, continuing education and outreach, H&H Model updates, and others were outlined in the presentation.

Pearson explained efforts to control aquatic invasive species at Wood Lake and the Lyndale Avenue reconstruction project.

Business Item A. Watershed Based Funding

Gruidl explained the watershed based funding pilot background. Gruidl further explained how the group decided to take 10% of the funding allocated to Hennepin County, approximately \$100,000 to fund a Hennepin County Chloride Initiative which is primarily geared towards educating private applicators and property managers. The remainder was allocated to the various water management agencies in Hennepin County using a simple calculation based on land area and taxable value. Gruidl presented a chart showing the breakdown of funding for each water management agency. RBWMO chose to partner with the Lower Mn River Basin group which include the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, and Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District. This group intends to develop additional chloride programming including cost-share grants for private applicators to retrofit some of their snow removal equipment with new technology to reduce the amount of salt being applied while maintaining the same level of service.

Steve Christopher, BWSR Board Conservationist, provided handout and discussed additional information on the overall context, guiding principles, and process of BWSR's Watershed Based Funding Program.

Business Item B. Education and Outreach Plan

As part of the updated management plan, staff are looking to increase awareness of water issues with youth populations. Gruidl explained Success Academy of Bloomington would like to go to Nine Mile Creek for water resources related programming. RBWMO would be providing funds for busses to take classes to a location on Nine Mile Creek where Nine Mile Creek Watershed District staff will provide the programming.

Gruidl asked for feedback from the Board, looking for any additional direction. Board consensus given to staff to continue pursuing education measures.

Adopt-A-Drain program outlined along with benefits of the program. General costs explained. Board approved of staff continuing to roll out Adopt-a-Drain program.

Business Item C. I-494 to Highway 169 Drainage Update

Gruidl explained how RBWMO has been working with the other water management agencies along the I-494 corridor to gain a more holistic view of water management. Gruidl provided an example of how Wilson Pond in Richfield drains under I-494 with low flows to Smith Park Pond in Bloomington and high flows to the MnDOT I-494 storm system. Gruidl stated that examples such as this are where partners may be able to mutually benefit from drainage work with the I-494 project.

Consideration to Approve 2018 Annual Report

One date identified in the Financial Report that requires updating prior to submittal to BWSR.

Motion by Garcia to approve the 2018 Annual Report. Seconded by Trautmann. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to Approve 2019 Public Notice

Motion by Nelson to approve publication. Seconded by Supple. Motion carried unanimously.

Insurance

Insurance estimated at \$2,500.00 for July 2019 – June 2020. Consistent with past years each city will pay half the cost or \$1,250.00.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trautmann to adjourn. Seconded by Busse. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.