

**RBWMO Meeting  
Monday, March 2, 2020  
Bloomington Civic Plaza  
1800 West Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431-3027**

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

Chair Patrick Martin (Bloomington) called the 2020 Meeting of the Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization (RBWMO) to order at 6:00pm.

*Bloomington Council Present:* Mayor T. Busse; Councilmembers J. Baloga, J. Carter, N. Coulter, D. Lowman, P. Martin, S. Nelson

*Richfield Council Present:* Mayor M. R. Gonzalez; Councilmembers Simon Trautman, Mary Supple, Ben Whalen

*Bloomington Staff Present:* Jamie Verbrugge, Karl Keel, Bryan Gruidl, Denise Christenson, Julie Long, Steve Gurney

*Richfield Staff Present:* Katie Rodriguez, Kristin Asher, Patrick Martin, Joe Powers

*Guest Present:* Steve Christopher, Board Conservationist; Kris Guentzel, Hennepin County Sr. Water Resources Specialist, Andrew Lutaya, MnDOT

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Trautman, seconded by Maria Regan Gonzalez, and all voting aye to approve the minutes from April 9, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Supple, seconded by Coulter and all voting aye to review and approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Election of Officers**

Motion was made by Supple seconded by Lowman and all voting aye to appoint Ben Whalen as Chair.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Coulter and all voting aye to appoint Lowman as Vice Chair.

Motion was made by Coulter, seconded by Nelson and all voting aye, to appoint Carter as Secretary.

Motion was made by Supple seconded by Trautman and all voting aye, to appoint Maria Regan Gonzalez as Treasurer.

Motion passed unanimously for the appointment of Ben Whalen as Chair, Dwayne Lowman as Vice Chair, Jenna Carter as Secretary, and Maria Regan Gonzalez as Treasurer.

**Approval of 2020 Staff Appointments**

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Trautman and all voting aye, to appoint Patrick Martin (Richfield) as Executive Director. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Whalen and all voting aye, to appoint Bryan Gruidl as Assistant Executive Director. Motion passed unanimously.

**Kris Guentzel**

Ken Guentzel, Sr. Water Resources Specialist with Hennepin County Environment and Energy presented. Spoke on Hennepin County initiatives for 2020 including Natural resources strategic plan, Hennepin County chloride initiative, climate action plan, and county groundwater plan. Spoke on the program opportunities in RBWMO: natural resources grants, wellhead protection, improved coordination with county projects, and lawns to legumes. Touched on education opportunities: master water stewards, smart salting training, and green partners grant.

**2019 Executive Director's Report**

Bloomington Water Resources Manager Bryan Gruidl presented the 2019 Executive Director's Report. Provided background of RBWMO. Explained Technical Advisory Committee; Community Advisory Commissions; monitoring program; Smith Park Pond; activities from 2019; 2019 variances, permits, enforcement; 2020 work plan.

**Business Items**

Bloomington Water Resources Manager Bryan Gruidl presented on Watershed based-funding initiatives, activities, and grants. Explained the rollout of the FY 2020/2021 Watershed-based Implementation funding program.

Gruidl spoke on the education and outreach goal to update and develop education and outreach plan geared towards engaging with youth.

Gruidl provided a background and information on exploring partnership with Minnesota Valley Refuge Friends. Asked group for consensus on collaboration efforts. The group was unanimously in favor.

Motion by Supple, seconded by Baloga to approve the 2019 annual report. Motion carried.

Motion by Baloga, seconded by Supple to approve the 2020 public notice, scheduled to be published March 12, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

**Insurance**

No action required. Estimated \$2,500.00 for July 2020 - June 2021 (each City pay half: \$1,250.00).

**I-494 Update**

Andrew Lutaya, MnDOT, provided an update on I-494: Airport to Highway 169 project including updates on drainage solution options, flooding, and surface

retention ponds.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Whalen, seconded by Carter and all voting aye, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair P. Martin (Bloomington) adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

Denise Christenson  
*City Council Secretary*