

**RBWMO Meeting
Monday, March 05, 2018
Bloomington Civic Plaza
1800 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431-3027**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:45 PM Mayor Winstead called the 2018 meeting of the Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization (RBWMO) to order at 5:45pm.

Bloomington Council Present: Mayor G. Winstead; Councilmembers J. Baloga, T. Busse, N. Coulter, D. Lowman, P. Martin

Richfield Council Present: Mayor P. Elliott; Councilmembers S. Trautmann, M. Howard

Bloomington Staff Present: Bryan Gruidl, Melissa Manderschied, Steve Segar, Karl Keel, Shelly Hanson, Jamie Verbrugge, Denise Christenson

Richfield Staff Present: Kristin Asher, Steve Devich, Jeff Pearson, Patrick Martin

Staff Absent: Richfield Councilmembers E. Garcia, Maria Regan Gonzalez; Board Conservationist Steve Christopher

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes

Gruidl explained the October 2nd meeting was a special meeting public hearing as part of the plan approval process to authorize staff to submit the 90 day review plan to Board of Water and Soil Resources, the review agency.

Motion by Busse to approve minutes. Seconded by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes

Gruidl explained that the wrong date was mentioned at the October 2nd meeting for approval of the minutes, so this item is to approval the February 28, 2017 minutes.

Motion by Lowman, seconded by Busse. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Pearson said there is one small edit to the agenda, moving the election of officers up to the next agenda item.

Motion by Coulter, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2018

Motion by Simon to nominate of Michael Howard as Chair. Seconded by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lowman to nominate Patrick Martin as Vice Chair. Seconded by Busse. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Busse to nominate Coulter as Secretary. Seconded by Lowman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Howard to nominate Simon Trautmann as Treasurer. Seconded by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve 2018 staff appointments for Executive Director Bryan Gruidl and Director Jeff Pearson. Motion by Howard. Seconded by Coulter. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

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

Gruidl explained that Smith Park Pond has been monitored since 2009. Phosphorous levels between 2009 – 2011 were low. Will be part of wetland health evaluation to get a better idea of the trends and climactic factors.

Pearson explained the 2017 Richfield activity and Gruidl explained the Bloomington activity. Pearson explained the 2018 work plan. There are local water plan adoptions, so both Richfield and Bloomington are updating their local water plans as part of each City's overall comprehensive plan update. RBWMO is an approving agency and will likely need to meet again this summer for a board approval of both water plans.

Motion by Martin (Bloomington) to approve the 2017 Executive Director's Report. Seconded by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

10 Year Plan

Gruidl explained the 10 year plan amendment must be adopted every 10 years. The plan being worked on now represents the plan for 2018 – 2027. Explained the implementation program. Received BWSR approval in December 2017.

Motion by Baloga to approve the 10 year plan Seconded by Martin (Bloomington). Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Based Funding

Gruidl explained the watershed based funding pilot background. Explained the collaborative work request with a goal of determining if state allocation of funds can be distributed amongst the local water authorities. Shared the three ideas and expanded on alternatives 2 and 3. Explained next steps. Looking at clearly defining 2-3 collaborative approaches. Explained other items including review of joint powers agreement and will likely bring potential updates back next year for consideration. Looking to partner with Hennepin county and Freshwater Society on their Watershed Steward program and would like to provide guidance on the program as it takes shape.

Pearson said the 77th Street underpass is fully funded and expect to start construction in 2019. Shared information that will be included in the public notices.

Motion by Coulter to approve publication. Seconded Trautmann. Motion carried unanimously.

Insurance

Pearson said each Council will approve their portion of the insurance for July 2018 – June 2019.

Richfield:

Motion by Elliott, seconded by Trautmann. Motion carried unanimously.

Bloomington

Motion by Winstead, seconded by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

**Richfield-Bloomington
Watershed Management
Organization Annual
Meeting Packet**

The attached agenda packet indicates there is some action that is requested of the Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization Board at the annual meeting. However, no formal action is necessary as a City Council.

ADJOURN

Pearson adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.

Denise Christenson
Council Secretary