



Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
Richfield City Hall
6700 Portland Avenue
Richfield, Minnesota 55423

Call to Order

Acting Chair Goettel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Bloomington Council Present: Mayor Winstead, Council Members C. Abrams, D. Lowman, J. Oleson, and T. Busse.

Richfield Council Present: Mayor Debbie Goettel, Council Members T. Fitzhenry, E. Garcia, P. Elliott, and S. Sandahl.

Bloomington Council Absent: Council Members J. Baloga and A. Carlson

Staff in attendance: Kristin Asher, Bryan Gruidl, Mike Eastling, Shelly Pedersen, Jim Gates, Steve Segar, Mark Bernhardson

Approval of Minutes Item 2

Motion was made by Fitzhenry seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to approve the March 26, 2014, Annual Meeting minutes of the Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization (RBWMO).

Review and Approval of Agenda Item 3

Motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Elliott, and all voting aye, to approve the agenda.

RBWMO Draft Performance Review

Don Buckhout, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) presented the draft results of the Level II Performance Review conducted under BWSR's Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP). The routine review is conducted every 10 years, which coincides with the life of the RBWMO's Watershed Management Plan.

- Methodology: Three steps to the Performance Review
 - Progress on the RBWMO Management Plan.
 - Self-Evaluation of Performance Standards.
 - Surveys – conducted by board members, staff members, and partner agencies.
- Findings and Comments:
 - RBWMO needs more of a public face.
 - There exists more opportunity to partner with other agencies.
 - Somewhat of a stealth organization, could use a better public image and marketing to raise the impact of the RBWMO.
 - The goal of a PRAP review is to assist the WMO. BWSR recommendations are not required to be acted on by the WMO.
- BWSR Recommendation:
 - Conduct a strategic assessment of the mission and purpose with a view towards adopting more of a “watershed” perspective. At least two options should be considered in this assessment.
 - Enhance the watershed perspective of the WMO and increase the scope of projects and programs beyond city stormwater management.
 - Determine if the WMO meeting the public's needs and desires
 - Review the governance structure; consider giving the WMO board a more active role in determining resource needs and projects on a watershed basis

- More frequent board meetings
- Replacement of some City Council members with knowledgeable residents
- Reduce size of board
- Budget and WMO financial account (taxing authority)
- Explore a merger with the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
- Comments Due in 30 days:
 - The RBWMO will provide a comment letter to be included in the final draft of the Performance Review, due October 9, 2014.

**Minor Plan
Amendment Update**

Bryan Gruidl updated the board on the progress of the Minor Plan Amendment approved at the March 26, 2014 meeting.

Adjournment

The RBWMO meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Kristin Asher
City Engineer