

# LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

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## CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Mark Kuzma called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Committee Room of Anoka City Hall.

## ROLL CALL

Voting members present were: Mark Kuzma, Ramsey; Carl Anderson, Anoka; and Mike Knight, Andover.

Voting members absent were: Todd Haas, Andover.

Also present were: Deputy Treasurer Brenda Smith, Ramsey Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton, Ramsey City Engineer Bruce Westby, Anoka Engineering Technician Ben Nelson, Bob Obermeyer of Barr Engineering, John Enstrom of Enstrom Organic Dirt, Jared Wagner of Anoka Conservation District, and Jamie Schurbon of Anoka Conservation District.

## APPROVE AGENDA

**Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Knight, to approve the February 15, 2018 agenda as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

## RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

## APPROVE MINUTES

January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Motion was made by Knight, seconded by Anderson, to approve the January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2017-18 ~ Anoka Site 20 ~ Anoka

Nelson reviewed the February 12, 2018 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO continue consideration until the revised plans complying with the LRRWMO freeboard requirement are submitted and considered complete.

**Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Knight, to table Permit #2017-18, Anoka Site 20, Anoka, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated February 12, 2018. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

#### FINANCE MATTERS

##### Treasurer's Report

Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2018. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$242,329.06; less permit account balance of (\$57,657.58), for a total balance of \$184,671.48.

**Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Knight, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2018. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

##### Payment of Bills

Smith presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$653.56 (services rendered in January of 2018), Barr Engineering in the amount of \$3,192.83 (services rendered in December of 2017), Dennis Kuiken in the amount of \$470.50 (permit refund), and City of Andover in the amount of \$377.00 (permit refund).

**Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Knight, to authorize payment as presented and indicated above. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

##### 2018 Recording Secretarial Service Agreement Addendum – TimeSaver

Kuzma noted that TimeSaver continues to do a great job for the LRRWMO.

**Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Knight, to approve the 2018 Recording Secretarial Service Agreement Addendum. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

##### LRRWMO Permit #2017-33 ~ South Street Addition ~ Anoka

Nelson reviewed the February 12, 2018 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering states that they received an email request from the City of Anoka asking that the LRRWMO table this permit to the next meeting.

**Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Knight, to table Permit #2017-33, South Street Addition, Anoka, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated February 12, 2018. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

### 2017 ACD Work Results Report

Wagner presented the results of the work done by the ACD in 2017 regarding lake level monitoring and water quality monitoring.

Kuzma asked if the higher lake water levels equate to the aquifers rebounding. Schurbon stated that the shallow aquifers may rise as the lake levels rise but explained that there are very few recharge locations for the deep aquifers.

Wagner presented the results of the stream monitoring that occurred in 2017. He noted that more chloride sampling would occur this year, as is the trend throughout the County. He noted that phosphorus levels were low in 2017. He noted that pH levels measured high in each of the monitoring sites once during the year and will continue to be watched to ensure that trend does not continue. He stated that the ACD continued their educational efforts with student biomonitoring at Anoka High School in 2017 and provided the results.

Schurbon noted that in 2017 the biomonitoring program reached the benchmark of over 1,000 students participating. He stated that the program, funded by the LRRWMO, continues to be a success.

Wagner presented the results of the water quality grant fund activity. He provided details on the 360-degree imaging that was done of the banks of the Rum River throughout Anoka County and how the images can be viewed on the ACD website. He provided an update on Rum River bank stabilization projects that occurred and rain garden projects that were completed in Anoka. He highlighted the newsletter articles and the website updates. He reviewed the recommendations which include continuing to install projects as appropriate, engaging with upstream entities on One Watershed One Plan, implementing the water restoration and protection plan, maintain/reduce phosphorus, continue to promote water conservation measures, continue lake level monitoring, and consider chloride sampling on a rotating basis per site/waterway.

Kuzma thanked Wagner for the presentation.

Enstrom asked if Trott Brook has improved. Schurbon stated that monitoring did not occur in 2017 and therefore there is no new data. He stated that waterbody is measured every other or every third year to detect long-term trends.

Anderson stated that he is impressed with the 360-degree imaging of the riverbank and asked if the same imaging has been done for the Mississippi River.

Wagner stated that they have not yet photographed the Mississippi River, but they do have plans to attempt the imaging on the Mississippi River this spring. He explained that the ability to do the imaging would be dependent on the water levels prior to leaf out.

2018 ACD Work Contract Consideration

Schurbon stated that a contract was included in the Board packet, which is similar to the report that was just reviewed for 2017. He noted that a table was included that identified the minor changes from year to year. He stated that the actual amount proposed is \$276 less than the amount proposed for budgeting.

Kuzma commented that the ACD does a fabulous job of keeping the LRRWMO items and actions in order.

**Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Knight, to approve the 2018 ACD Work Contract. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS ~ None

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD QUARTERLY REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Minor Plan Amendment to LRRWMO's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan

Obermeyer provided an update on the minor plan amendment process. He noted that the only comment received on the amendment was from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and reviewed those general comments. He noted that the comments were forwarded to the LRRWMO's attorney for further comment.

Obermeyer referenced the State Statute which states that MnDOT must apply for watershed district permits. He stated that his question was whether that statute would apply to a WMO and noted that the response was that the statute would not apply to a WMO. He stated that he would suggest keeping good working relationships with MnDOT and hopes that MnDOT would still present their projects to the LRRWMO to ensure that their projects comply with the rules and regulation of the LRRWMO. He asked if the member cities could provide a link to their wellhead protection plans so that he could forward that information to MnDOT. He noted that he would need to reply to the MnDOT comments and therefore suggested that the item be tabled today. He noted that once he receives the wellhead protection plans from the member cities, he will be able to respond to MnDOT and the Board should then be able to adopt the minor plan amendment at the March meeting.

**Motion was made by Knight, seconded by Anderson, to table the minor plan amendment to the LRRWMO's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

### OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

Schurbon noted that he recently worked with Haas to update the checklist and therefore no action is needed at this time.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Kuzma noted that Lori Yager is still listed as the Treasurer and asked if that could be updated.

Obermeyer referenced the chloride monitoring that was mentioned by the ACD. He advised of a chloride application/management training that is available for city staff members (snowplow drivers) and stated that training would be beneficial if they have not yet participated.

Knight referenced the carwashes which take off a lot of chloride and asked where that runoff would be flowing to. Obermeyer replied that the chloride would go into the sanitary sewer.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Knight, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Time of adjournment: 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple  
Administrative Secretary