



2522 Marshall Street NE
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418-3329

612-465-8780
contacts@mwmo.org

mwmo.org

**MISSISSIPPI
WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION**

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9 July 2019

Attachment 3

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Location: 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Commissioners in Attendance

Donna Schmitt, Columbia Heights; Steve Eggert, Fridley; Jeffrey Dains, Lauderdale; Kevin Reich, Minneapolis; Jerry Faust, St. Anthony Village; and Chris Meyer, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB).

Staff and Guests: Marcy Bean, Nick Busse, Brett Eidem, Alyssa Gregory, Stephanie Johnson, Dan Kalmon, Abby Moore, Akia Vang, Emma Keiski, Udai Singh and Doug Snyder MWMO; Betty Risdahl, Hilltop; Glenda Meixell, Anoka Conservation District; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Chair Reich.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion by Faust, second by Schmitt to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Eggert, second by Meyer to approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Schmitt, second by Faust to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports from Staff

Vang and Gregory were introduced as the newest staff members. Vang is a Green Team alumna in an intern position and Gregory is the new administrative assistant.

Johnson provided updates on funding associated with the East Side Storage and Maintenance Facility and 8th Street South stormwater planter capital projects. The modeling initiative began in 2013. As of today, about \$1.4 million has been spent on modeling projects with over \$800,000 saved by partnering with the City of Minneapolis. As of next week, all modeling work will be completed for the north and west areas of MWMO. Modeling will continue until the entire watershed has been completed.

[Dains arrived 3:12 p.m.]

Bean updated the Board on the status of the Towerside District stormwater system, which was approved for funding in 2016. The storage tank and biofiltration basin have been constructed. The next phase is installation of the reuse system, including a UV treatment system which will be housed in the park. The reuse water is proposed only for irrigation.

The MWMO building was recently repainted. Staff received the response that the pay equity piece was passed. The next pay equity submittal will be in January 2022. Budget planning is expected to remain level without raising the levy.

Singh updated the Board on the monitoring initiatives and current activities, including the St. Anthony Regional Treatment (SART) inspection and maintenance, MWMO Stormwater Park and Learning Center research and demonstration, 2019 bathymetry data collection, and monitoring at the Towerside District stormwater system.

Kalmon provided planning updates including additional agreements at Towerside relating to the UV system shelter easement and water usage rights. About half of the funds needed for a feasibility study for the Integrated Utility Hub have been raised thus far.

General Business

Resolution 2019-029: St. Mary's Tunnel & East Minneapolis Region P8 Model. This is a request for funding for the next phase of water quality monitoring in the southwest portion of the MWMO watershed. Motion by Faust, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-029, a resolution approving up to \$104,000 for the St. Mary's Tunnel and east region watersheds water quality modeling project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-030: 26th Avenue North Overlook. Staff is requesting funding of \$50,000 to partner with MPRB on this project which will connect North Minneapolis neighborhoods to the river. This funding would be used for enhanced restoration including soil amendments and native plantings to capture runoff, add pollinator habitat, and slope stabilization around the outfall. Motion by Meyer, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-030, a resolution

approving funding of stormwater improvements, habitat restoration and bank stabilization at the MPRB 26th Avenue North overlook project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-031: Urban Watershed Model. This is a funding request to design and build an interactive watershed model that demonstrates how water moves, becomes polluted, and can be protected specifically in the MWMO watershed for use in the MWMO Stormwater Park and Learning Center. Motion by Eggert, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-031, a resolution approving funding of the design and build of an interactive urban watershed model for the Stormwater Park and Learning Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-032: Towerside Equipment Purchase. The Towerside District stormwater system capital project was approved for construction in April 2016. Staff has determined it would be advisable to incorporate UV treatment as a disinfection component to the water reuse system. This request is for approval of up to \$100,000 to purchase the equipment to outfit the District stormwater system including UV treatment, flow meters and pumps to send water to properties within the system. Motion by Meyer, second by Eggert to approve Resolution 2019-032, a resolution approving purchase of equipment for treatment and reuse of stormwater at Towerside District stormwater system. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-033: MPRB Towerside Easement Agreement. This is a request to amend the existing easement agreement to allow a partial release of the easement and authorize staff to take necessary action to start constructing park improvements including the UV treatment system and a public shelter. There is no financial loss or obligation to MWMO or the current owners of the system as a result of this action. Motion by Eggert, second by Meyer to approve Resolution 2019-033, a resolution approving a partial release of easement amendment to the stormwater management Declarations and Easement agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-034: IUH McKnight Grant Funding. The MWMO and IUH coalition has received a McKnight Grant for \$150,000 for the IUH feasibility study. This is a request for the Board to receive the grant and commit the funds to the feasibility study. Motion by Schmitt, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-034, a resolution accepting McKnight grant funding of \$150,000 for the Integrated Utility Hub feasibility study. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Input

None.

Board Updates and Announcements

Schmitt introduced Betty Risdahl as her alternate who will attend the November meeting.

Faust commended Schmitt on her election to the League of Minnesota Cities Board of Directors.

St. Anthony received a City of Excellence award from the League of Minnesota Cities for the advanced oxidation water treatment plant.

Eggert noted that the Adopt-A-Drain program is gaining support in Fridley.

Snyder announced that Johnson has submitted her resignation to accept a position with the City of Minneapolis as Director of Public Works. Staff expect to continue working with her as a city partner. Johnson was lauded for her accomplishments in her five years at MWMO.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by Eggert, second by Dains to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Juntunen

Recording Secretary

Record of Motions

Motion by Faust, second by Schmitt to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Eggert, second by Meyer to approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting with the modification that Meyer arrived late. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Faust to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Faust, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-029, a resolution approving up to \$104,000 for the St. Mary's Tunnel and east region watersheds water quality modeling project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Meyer, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-030, a resolution approving funding of stormwater improvements, habitat restoration and bank stabilization at the MPRB 26th Avenue North overlook project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Eggert, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-031, a resolution approving funding of the design and build of an interactive urban watershed model for the Stormwater Park and Learning Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Meyer, second by Eggert to approve Resolution 2019-032, a resolution approving purchase of equipment for treatment and reuse of stormwater at Towerside District stormwater system. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Eggert, second by Meyer to approve Resolution 2019-033, a resolution approving a partial release of easement amendment to the stormwater management Declarations and easement agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-034, a resolution accepting McKnight grant funding of \$150,000 for the Integrated Utility Hub feasibility study. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motion by Eggert, second by Dains to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.