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MEETING MINUTES

Date: 11 September 2018

Attachment 3

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Location: 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Commissioners in Attendance

Jim Saefke, Fridley; Donna Schmitt, Columbia Heights & Hilltop; Jeffrey Dains, Lauderdale; Kevin Reich, Minneapolis; and Jerry Faust, St. Anthony.

Staff and Guests: Marcy Bean, Nick Busse, Max Dalton, Stephanie Johnson, Dan Kalmon, Udai Singh, and Doug Snyder, MWMO; Glenda Meixell, Anoka Conservation District; Katrina Kessler, Minneapolis Public Works; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Saefke.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

Motion by Schmitt, second by Faust, to approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously, Dains abstaining.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from Staff

Snyder and Charlie Yunker reviewed the **employee health insurance structure** to compare costs. The 2019 preliminary cost structure is expected to be received after October 1, so there will be a more detailed update at the November meeting.

MWMO staff has been in discussion with the City of Fridley's maintenance staff regarding **smart salting**. The new public works facility and purchase of brining equipment will reduce salt usage. The City requested technical and financial assistance from MWMO and it is hoped that their trucks can be outfitted with the new equipment for use this coming winter. More information and a potential request for funding for equipment is expected in November.

MWMO has applied for **BWSR Clean Water Fund and Hennepin County Opportunity grants** for capital projects planned with Minneapolis Park & Rec for the north side of the golf course. MWMO also received BWSR watershed-based funding that can be used for tree trenches in the 1E watershed. The Board will be asked to approve that grant at the November meeting.

A U of M graduate student contacted Johnson regarding **testing reuse systems for bacteria and virus levels**. The student is interested in sampling six systems in the MWMO area. MWMO will assist in facilitating the data collection.

The **Capital Project grant** deadline is October 5. Member cities are eligible to apply for this grant for qualifying projects in the MWMO watershed.

[Reich arrived 3:14 p.m.]

Staff has been working with Minneapolis Staff on their **local water plan update**. Minneapolis staff is creating a letter of intent to allow the MWMO to approve their plan this year, with the intention that the city's ordinances will be brought into compliance in 2019. St. Paul is in a similar process. Fridley is updating their CIP tables, but a thorough review has already been completed and their plan is expected to be approved in November. St. Anthony Village will also be seeking approval of their plan in November. Hilltop is talking with Met Council about writing their comprehensive plan. The Columbia Heights local plan has already been approved and approval for Lauderdale's plan will be requested today.

General Business

Resolution 2018-024: MN Stormwater Research Council Funding. The Council is a coalition of many WMOs, Watershed Districts and cities, begun in partnership with MWMO and the Minnehaha Creek, Capital Region, and Ramsey-Washington Metro watershed districts. Now the Council includes all metro watersheds and cities, as well as the U of M. The Council will eventually seek funding through the legislature. In its second year, the Council is requesting funding at the same level as 2018, \$25,000 from MWMO with the funding coming from the watershed assessment program to perform applied urban stormwater research. Motion by Reich, second by Faust to approve Resolution 2018-024. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-025: SF Planning Grants. Five applications were selected out of the nine applications received for Stewardship Fund planning grants. The grants range from \$3,500 to \$10,000 each. Brief summaries of the projects were included in the meeting packet. All five

projects are for the design of future-build projects, not education based. Motion by Faust, second by Dains to approve Resolution 208-025. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-026: NorthPoint Feasibility Study. Staff is working with Hennepin County to determine water quality practices to be installed at the NorthPoint Health and Wellnes Center campus, a multi-specialty medical, dental and mental health center which is going through a large expansion and remodel. The dollar amount requested for potential reimbursement is amended to \$33,250 from the \$31,450 listed. Current practices under consideration include rain gardens, tree trenches, permeable pavement and a stormwater reuse system. Motion by Saefke, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2018-26, noting the amendment of the dollar amount to \$33,250. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-027: Village Green Subwatershed Feasibility Study. The Village Green Pond has a long history. MWMO has partnered with the City of Fridley on a planning grant to improve the pond in the past. Due to site restraints, the pond could not be improved, so MWMO is asking the City to consider stormwater improvements in the subwatershed area, retaining and treating stormwater upstream of the Village Green Pond. The pond is located in MWMO, but its drainage area is located in both MWMO and Rice Creek watershed. During heavy rains in 2011 the flooded the surrounding area. Motion by Faust, second by Saefke to approve Resolution 2018-027. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-028: MWMO Facility Exterior Painting. Staff solicited and received three quotes. After review and reference check, Staff recommends Julius B Nelson & Son, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$31,700. Motion by Saefke, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2018-028. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-029: Wall, MPRB & MWMO MOU. Wall Development Companies and MPRB request entering into an MOU to advance the conceptual design, exploration of stormwater management in public and private green spaces in the Towerside District. The MOU does not commit any monetary outlay by MWMO, only Staff time and technical expertise. Motion by Faust, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2018-029. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-030: District & Regional Stormwater Treatment Inquiry. This is a request for the Board to approve Wenck Associates for design and engineering services for the Upper Harbor Terminal site. Opportunities for regional and district stormwater treatment will be assessed to inform the concept plan which is expected in February 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$96,300. Motion by Saefke, second by Faust to approve Resolution 2018-030. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-031: Lauderdale LWP. Lauderdale has met all MWMO content requirements and will adopt ordinances to meet compliance with the required 180 days. Motion by Saefke, second by Faust to approve Resolution 2018-031. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-032: Levy Certification. Staff proposes a 0% increase to the levy, which will remain at \$5.7 million for the upcoming year. Larger projects are funded gradually over a number of years to avoid large variances in annual budgets and levies. A public meeting, while not required, will be held on October 30, 2018. Usually only Citizen Advisory Committee members attend. Motion by Saefke, second by Schmitt to approve Resolution 2018-032. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Input

None

Board Updates and Announcements

The Board expressed compliments to Johnson and Bean for listing partners on upcoming projects to demonstrate partner leverage to the Board, both public and private.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by Saefke, second by Dains to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Love

Recording Secretary

Record of Motions

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Motion by Faust, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2018-029. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Saefke, second by Faust to approve Resolution 2018-030. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Saefke, second by Faust to approve Resolution 2018-031. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Saefke, second by Scmitt to approve Resolution 2018-032. Motion carried unanimously.