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**MISSISSIPPI
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MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12 May 2020

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; Randy Stille, St. Anthony; and Chris Meyer, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB).

Staff and Guests: Nick Busse, Brett Eidem, Adam Flett, Dan Kalmon, Abby Moore, Sadie Loose, John Mueller, Michaela Neu, Udai Singh, Nancy Stowe, Charlie Yunker, and Doug Snyder MWMO; Bridget Ulrich, Natural Resources Research Institute, U of M Duluth; and Amy Juntunen, JASS

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Reich.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

Motion by Dains, second by Schmitt to approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting with the spelling correction to Katharine Dowling's name. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

No consent agenda items.

Reports from Staff

The Mississippi River Green Team has suspended hiring for 2020 and will not operate this summer due to COVID. Programming will resume when possible and Staff will continue to engage with Green Team members as much as possible.

The June 9 Share the River event has been canceled. Staff is investigating options for a summer-long virtual event that would allow people to submit photos, videos, art and songs with an event to be held at the end of August to highlight the submissions received. Staff is considering incentives to encourage participation in the virtual event such as tokens for free cookies, matching funds for local initiatives, rides on the Betty Danger ferris wheel, and drawings for a free guided paddle tour on the Mississippi. Commissioners were asked to share ideas and feedback with Staff.

Stowe introduced the new employees Alicia Beattie (not in attendance), Capital Projects and Stewardship Specialist, and Adam Flett, Communications and Outreach Specialist.

Singh introduced new employees Sadie Loose, Administrative and Project Support Specialist, and John Mueller, Environmental Specialist, who both started as interns with MWMO.

Singh provided an update on the monitoring program, including a summary of 2019 activities, collaborative efforts with member cities and adjacent WMOs, goals, and the collaborative MWMO stormwater park monitoring of different media filters.

Snyder provided an update on MWMO's COVID planning process. Staff is creating a COVID Preparedness Plan to direct operations as employees return to working in the office to ensure safety. No events are planned to be hosted through August 31.

General Business

Resolution 2020-019: Professional Services for 10-Year Plan Update. Staff have identified needs to update GIS data, update water resource jurisdictional authorities for each member city, and writing/editing services to complete the 10-year Watershed Management Plan update. Staff is proposing to hire outside consultants to provide these services. The budget for this update is \$150,000. Staff is requesting \$125,000 for outside services. Motion by Dains, second by Meyer to approve Resolution 2020-019 approving an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for professional services to complete the 10-year Watershed Management Plan update. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-020: Minor Plan Amendment to Update CIP Cost Estimates. This amendment increases funding for planned amounts to set upper limits of funding over the lifetime of projects occurring in the Upper Harbor Terminal area to update for inflation since the projects were originally added to the CIP in 2014. This request addresses inflation in construction costs and updated cost estimates. Motion by Eggert, second by Stille to approve Resolution 2020-020 approving an amendment to the Watershed Management Plan to increase the planned funding for Upper Harbor Terminal from \$3,500,000 to \$11,000,000 and Towerside (Prospect North) from \$3,500,000 to \$5,600,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Input

None.

Board Updates and Announcements

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by Dains, second by Eggert to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Juntunen
Recording Secretary

Record of Motions

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