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# MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** 9 November 2021

**Time:** 3:00-5:00 PM

**Location:** 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Commissioners in Attendance

Steve Eggert, Fridley; Jeffrey Dains, Lauderdale; Kevin Reich, Minneapolis; Randy Stille, St. Anthony; and Chris Meyer, MPRB.

Staff and Guests: Alicia Beattie, Stephen Bohler, Dan Kalmon, Abby Moore, Isabelle Seibert, Udai Singh, Nancy Stowe, and Doug Snyder, MWMO; Glenda Meixelle, Anoka Conservation District; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Vice Chair Eggert. [Reich arrived 3:07 p.m.]

## Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion by Dains, second by Eggert to approve the November 9, 2021 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stille, second by Dains to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## Consent Agenda

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

## Reports from Staff

Snyder is creating a new budget format for use going forward. The new format will be presented to the Board for approval at the January Board meeting. A study of the median household and tax assessment to each household from the watershed is being conducted.

Health insurance for 2022 has an increase of 3%, which is better than the budgeted amount since past increases have been 6-10%.

Singh introduced new employees Seibert, Admin and Operations Specialist, and Bohler, intern.

Since 2015, MWMO has trained 62 Minnesota Water Stewards (MWS) in partnership with the Freshwater Society. The program trains community members, creating a network of volunteer water stewards. Ten new MWS were trained in 2021. In 2019, MWMO worked with MWS to develop a volunteer leadership team to keep MWS engaged, leverage funding, and identify volunteer opportunities. In 2022, the MWS class will consist of six MWMO residents with most training delivered online.

The 10-year plan was approved by BWSR in September 2021. The Plan has been sent to Houston Engineering to add graphics and style elements. The finished Plan will be presented to the Board at the January 2022 meeting for final approval prior to posting on the MWMO website and sending notices to member cities and agencies.

## General Business

**Resolution 2021-047: FY 2022 Final Levy.** Staff proposes a levy of \$6,400,000 for FY 2022. This will be reflected in the budget presented at the January meeting.

Motion by Eggert, second by Dains to approve the FY 2022 levy at \$6.4 million. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-041: Xcel Energy Marshall Operations Center.** This project site is a new 80-acre office facility at 3356 Marshall St NE, on the northwest corner of St. Anthony Parkway and Marshall. This site was previously undeveloped and lies adjacent to the Mississippi River. The site design includes prairie habitat near the river and other native plantings to blend in with the surrounding habitat. The project will include tiered raingardens on site and an infiltration basin for stormwater management. This is a brown site formerly used for fly ash dumping. All stormwater will be captured and treated on site with 95% removal of TSS and TP. Funding request for this project is not-to-exceed \$295,000 for design and installation of the above-and-beyond treatment in the public gateway area, structured raingardens, no-mow grass, prairie seed, trees, and educational signage.

Xcel Energy will have a long-term operations and maintenance plan for the prairie habitat and stormwater features and be responsible for maintenance.

Motion by Eggert, second by Stille to approve Resolution 2021-041 approving funding of \$295,000 for the Marshal Operations Center project. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Open Public Input**

None.

## **Board Updates and Announcements**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2022. The meeting location, whether in-person at MWMO offices or via Zoom, will be determined closer to the meeting date.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Juntunen, Recording Secretary

## **Record of Motions**

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