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# MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** 21 February 2023

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

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

## Commissioners in Attendance

Connie Buesgens, Columbia Heights and Hilltop; Steve Eggert, Fridley; Jeff Dains, Lauderdale; Randy Stille, St. Anthony Village; Michael Lukes, St. Paul; and Becka Thompson, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB).

Staff and Guests: Emmy Baskerville, Dan Kalmon, Kevin Reich, Udai Singh, and Nancy Stowe, MWMO; Shelly Rueckert, St. Anthony Finance; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chair Eggert.

## Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion by Dains, second by Buesgens to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

There are no minutes to approve at this meeting.

## Consent Agenda

None.

## Reports from Staff

None.

## General Business

**2023-009: UHT REOA and Access Agreements.** The MWMO has been actively working with the City of Minneapolis, MPRB, developers, and other partners on the Upper Harbor Terminal project since 2015. The MWMO Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan has up to \$11,000,000 in funding as part of the CIP schedule for projects at this site and the Board approved a not-to-exceed amount for grants of \$8,800,000 (2022 dollars) as well as a phasing loan of up to \$3,000,000 (2030 dollars) at the November 2022 regular meeting. The 60% design for the district system as this site is complete and serves as the basis for all final design. Minneapolis is ready to move forward with construction of the parkway and MPROB has released their bid for the Parcel 2 park. All partners have worked to negotiate the terms of a Reciprocal Easement and Operating Agreement (REOA) that describes the roles, responsibilities, and costs for all parties. There is also a MWMO Perpetual Property Access Agreement that will be signed by all parties at the same time as the REOA.

In the REOA the MWMO is agreeing to provide an interest free phasing loan up to \$3,000,000 (2030 dollars) for prebuilt District System stormwater infrastructure. In addition, the MWMO has agreed to pay for any capital costs that exceed each parcels' site by site capital contributions. Thus, assuring the agreed to District System stormwater infrastructure is built and will meet the Parcel's Regulatory Requirements. Parcels will pay off the MWMO's phasing loan at the time they sign a lease with the City.

[Dains departed 4:06 p.m.]

Staff is requesting Board approval of the Upper Harbor Terminal REOA and the Perpetual Property Access Agreement Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, \$10,711,931 (2022 dollars) in funding for grants (\$7,376,336), operation and maintenance (\$500,000), 10% capital cost exceedance of regulatory minimums (\$507,815), and professional services (\$2,327,780), along with the separate interest-free phasing loan up to \$3,000,000 (2030 dollars).

Motion by Thompson, second by Buesgens to approve Resolution 2023-009 approving the REOA, Access Agreement, and funding as described above. Motion carried unanimously.

**2023-010: 35W South H&H Modeling.** In 2014 MWMO initiated a watershed-wide hydrologic and hydraulic modeling effort to help understand flood risk and water quantity and quality flow through the watershed. For model study areas within the City of Minneapolis, MWMO has been partnering with the City to complete the models by splitting the cost to develop the models with the city 50/50. The 35W South model is the last of the thirteen identified model study areas within the MWMO boundaries to be completed. The total cost of the model is estimated at \$455,055, including a 15% contingency. Staff is requesting funding approval not-to-exceed \$227,528 to complete this model in partnership with the City of Minneapolis. This model will be created in the XPSWMM software and then converted to the new PCSWMM software, which is

less costly and more compatible with EPA software. The conversion process will be used to create a procedure guide for converting past models to PCSWMM as well.

Motion by Lukes, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2023-010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Input

None.

## **Board Updates and Announcements**

The Kasota Ponds Cleanup will be held April 15, 2023. The event will include educational activities.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on March 14, 2023, at the MWMO office.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business, motion by Buesgens, second by Thompson to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Juntunen  
Recording Secretary

## **Record of Motions**

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Motion by Thompson, second by Buesgens to approve Resolution 2023-009 approving the REOA, Access Agreement, and funding as described above. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lukes, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2023-010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motion by Buesgens, second by Thompson to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.