

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Debra Musgrove called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Committee Room of Anoka City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Voting members present were: Debra Musgrove, Ramsey; and Jeff Weaver, Anoka.

Voting member absent was: Valerie Holthus, Andover.

Also present were: Anoka Engineering Technician Ben Nelson, Jamie Schurbon, of Anoka Conservation District, and Becky Wozney of Anoka Conservation District.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the February 22, 2022 agenda as presented. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss on Rum River 1W1P JPA

Schurbon welcomed any questions.

Weaver stated that he was pleased to see the work of staff since the last meeting in addressing the concerns of the City of Anoka related to the Anoka Dam.

Musgrove agreed and echoed the thanks to staff.

Schurbon provided details on the language included on dams and other structures that block fish. He confirmed that the LRRWMO would keep a copy on file as well.

Musgrove asked who would monitor easements. Schurbon commented there is an existing easement program that would continue with the easement holder being the State and typically monitoring is done by stormwater conservation districts.

Musgrove noted a referenced to Haas and acknowledged that he was a large part of the process and did not want to see his acknowledgement removed but also wondered if it should be updated to note he is no longer a current member. Weaver noted that Musgrove should be listed as the authorized party and volunteered to be listed as the alternate.

Nelson suggested adding an asterisk next to Haas to acknowledge the dates he participated, and the Board agreed.

Weaver referenced the maps, noting that Anoka is not mentioned, only Saint Francis. Schurbon stated that each management area needed to be identified by name and therefore cities were chosen to avoid confusion. He stated that Saint Francis was chosen because it lies within the middle.

Musgrove asked whether there are enough projects listed for the LRRWMO to qualify for funding. She acknowledged that the LRRWMO will benefit from upstream projects but would also benefit from projects within the WMO area. Schurbon confirmed that there are projects listed within the LRRWMO area and highlighted some of those project types. He clarified that general project types, such as street projects, need to be included but not the specific road project.

Weaver asked if the DNR letter would stay in and whether the WMO language would offset that. Schurbon confirmed that the comments received upfront, such as the DNR letter, would remain in and the additional language within the plan would offset those comments. He highlighted some of the next steps including review and most likely approval by the Policy Committee.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Musgrove, to authorize Musgrove to vote on approval of the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan with the additional language to the callout box in appendix C on behalf of the LRRWMO. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Musgrove, to adjourn the special meeting. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Time of adjournment: 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary