

# Metro MAWD Meeting Minutes

*“Metro MAWD” is the Metro Chapter of the  
Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts*

**7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

## Capitol Region Watershed District

### Attending:

#### Board Members

Bill Olson, Minnehaha Creek  
Marianne Breitbach, Prior Lake Spring Lake  
Perry Forster, Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek  
Pat Preiner, Rice Creek  
Mary Texer, Capitol Region  
Joe Collins, Capitol Region  
Jill Crafton, Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek  
Sherry White, Minnehaha Creek  
Shirley Reider, Capitol Region  
Barb Haake, Rice Creek  
Cliff Aichinger, Ramsey Washington Metro  
Ann Miller, Browns Creek

#### Staff and Guests

Phil Belfiori, RCWD  
Mark Doneux, CRWD  
Gwen Willems, CRWD /RCD  
Carrie Raber, MDH  
Terry McDill, MPCA  
John Hanson, VBWD  
Mike Kinney, CLFLWD  
Doug Snyder, Mississippi WMO  
Pam Blixt, Clean Water Council  
Ruth Schaefer, MAWD Board/Middle Fork Crow  
River

### **I. Call to Order**

- a. Mary Texer called the meeting to Order at 7:00 PM. Attendance was taken and introductions were made.
- b. Marianne Breithbach asked to add an item to the agenda. The item would be Draft By-Law Changes and MOPP Changes. Ms. Breitbach suggested it could follow the MAWD Special Meeting, By Laws and MOPP Update by Perry Forster. Motion by Shirley Reider, Seconded by Pat Preiner, motion carried.

### **II. Special Reports**

#### **A. MAWD Special Meeting, By Laws and MOPP Update (Perry Forster)**

Perry Forster noted that there were 147 people registered for the MAWD Summer Tour. Of those 129 attended the tour itself. Ruth Schaefer reported that as a result of the vote on the By-Laws, MOPP and dues, the MAWD Board of Directors will be moving forward with a position description for an Executive Director. It is planned to conduct interviews in August and select an Executive Director in September.

Marianne Brietbach, introduced and distributed a memo from the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District. The PLSLWD is interested in amendments to MAWD's Bylaws and Manual of Policy and Procedures (MOPP). The proposed changes included:

- 1) Bylaw changes to allow Administrators to be on the MAWD Board,

- 2) Bylaw changes that would redistribute MAWD Board members based on each Regions percentage of MAWD dues paid,
- 3) Bylaws changes that would provide term limits for MAWD Board members,
- 4) MOPP changes that would create a dues structure based on a Districts budget and levy,

After reviewing and discussing the suggested changes, Perry Forester noted that the organization went through a considerable effort to amend and update the Bylaws and create the MOPP. He also stated that the current approach should be given some time to be tested. Barb Haake also noted that there still is a method and process to amend both the Bylaws and MOPP if PLSLWD and others were interested.

### **B. Goals and Objectives for MAWD and Metro MAWD (Mary Texer)**

Mary Texer started the discussion by stating per the vote at the Summer Tour, MAWD is currently accepting applications for their next Executive Director with a goal of having this individual on board prior to the Annual Meeting in December. The primary focus of this position is to serve the MAWD membership. Ms. Texer said the question is, how can they (the new ED) best serve MAWD? She also believes conveying priorities of what we need as members and as Metro MAWD? Ms. Texer noted that the results from the last survey are close to 2 years old. Ms Texer asked the group, as you look at your watershed now, what are your priorities for the new Executive Director? What are things that we as Metro MAWD can do or address to make this chapter more valuable for you? Ms. Texer reminded everyone that she asked members to come prepared to share ideas, wants and needs for both MAWD and Metro MAWD. Ms Texer said she will compile the results of the discussion and share them with the MAWD hiring committee and with the new Executive Director.

Ms. Texer then led the group on brainstorming process for both MAWD and Metro MAWD. Ms. Texer thanked the group for their participation and ideas.

### **C. Legislative Update (Ray Bohn)**

There was no legislative update.

## **III. Agency and Association Updates**

### **A. BWSR Updates, Kevin Bigalke**

There was no BWSR update

### **B. MPCA Updates, Teresa McDill**

Terry McDill gave the MPAC Update. She noted that the East Central Watershed Unit has been working on completing the metro - HUC 8 WRAPS. She stated the 1<sup>st</sup> round is complete for Metro HUC 8s. She will be discussing the next steps at a future meeting.

### **C. DNR Updates, Jen Sorenson**

There was no DNR update.

#### **D. MN Department of Health, Carrie Raber**

Carrie Raber gave the Department of Health update. Carrie stated that the Department Health continues to work on the Water Reuse report. It is planned that the report with recommendations will be out by the end of August. Carrie also reported that work continues on the Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS). The Minnesota Department of Health is piloting the process to develop GRAPS reports for watersheds in Minnesota. The GRAPS process involves 1) translating ongoing groundwater and drinking water programs and data to the watershed scale and 2) working with other agencies to develop watershed scale groundwater and drinking water management strategies to integrate into local water management plans.

#### **E. MnDOT Updates, Beth Neuendorf**

There was no MnDOT update.

#### **F. Met Council Updates, Judy Sventek**

There was no Met Council Update.

#### **G. MAWD Updates, Ray Bohn**

There was no MAWD Update.

#### **H. Administrator's Update, Matt Moore**

### **IV. Action Items**

- A) Approve April 18, 2017 minutes.

Several corrections were noted on the draft minutes.

**Motion by Cliff Aichinger, second by Shirley Reider to approve the April 18, 2017 minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

### **V. Unfinished Business**

- A) Education
- B) Permitting & Regulations
- C) Governance
- D) Stormwater Research

### **VI. General Information**

Roundtable Discussion – Current Issues, Trends and Topics, All

### **VII. Next meeting**

A. Metro MAWD, Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, CRWD Offices

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion by Cliff Aichinger, second by Joe Collins, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Doneux, Administrator  
Capitol Region Watershed District

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