

## Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board

**Minutes of the  
Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board Meeting  
July 9, 2018 @ 9:00am - Regular Meeting  
People's Energy Cooperative, Oronoco, MN**

Commissioners Present: Rodney Peterson (Dodge County); Duane Bakke (Fillmore County), Fred Arnold (Houston County), Greg Wright (Olmsted County), Jake Gillen (Rice County); James Brady (Steele County), Richard Hall (Wabasha County), Steve Jacob (Winona County).

Others present: Bridgette Timm (SEMWRB), Glen Roberson (Goodhue SWCD), Dave Copeland (BWSR). Adam Beilke (BWSR), Donna Rasmussen (Fillmore SWCD), Barton Winter (citizen).

Meeting called to order by acting Chair Duane Bakke (Fillmore County) at 9:00am.

Approve July 9th 2018 Agenda: With a noted change to Action Item #4 to only require an authorized signature, a motion was made by Jake Gillen (Rice) to approve the agenda, seconded by James Brady (Steele County); motion passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes of May 14, 2018 Board Meeting: Motion by Steve Jacob (Winona County) to approve the May 14, 2018 Minutes, seconded by Fred Arnold (Houston County); motion passed unanimously

Financial Report: Approve April and May Budget vs Actuals. Motion made by Jake Gillen (Rice County) to approve the 2018 April and May Budget vs Actuals, seconded by James Brady (Steele). Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report. Bridgette Timm, Executive Director, updated the Board on projects, grant applications. Discussion on Rain Garden Grant Application opportunity and if there is an option for local entities can participate providing the training. No action taken.

Greg Wright (Olmsted County) entered the meeting at 9:10 AM.

### New Business

1. Review and discuss proposed 2019 work plan and draft budget (encl). Bridgette Timm reviewed the 2019 Workplan and Time Allocation worksheet along with the 2019 Water Resources Budget. Discussed 0.75 FTE Director position vs full time, and the opportunity to work with the TSA JPB toward a Shared Director and the Root River PTMapp Contract opportunity. No action was taken, as this will be acted on with Item #2 (below).
2. Consider providing support on new grant applications for BWSR CWF cycle. Motion by Greg Wright (Olmsted County), seconded by Jake Gillen (Rice County) to Authorize application for all 4 grant opportunities as follows:
  - A. SE MN Wastewater Initiative – Accelerated Implementation Grant

- B. Soil Health / Groundwater protection - Projects and Practices Grant (Recommended by BWSR to not include the Root River Watershed, as it will already be receiving funds via 1W1P implementation)
  - C. Well Sealing – Well Sealing Grant
  - D. Raingarden installation and training – Project and Practices Grant
3. Consider approval of PTMapp contract with Winona SWCD for work through Root River 1W1P Implementation Funds. Motion by Greg Wright (Olmsted County) to approve the PTMapp contract with Winona SWCD for work through Root River 1W1P Implementation Funds. Seconded by Rodney Peterson (Dodge County) Motion passed unanimously.
  4. Consider approval of county Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network grant sub-agreements. Discussed changes in testing labs from Olmsted County to RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc for this year due to a request from Olmsted County. Motion by Greg Wright (Olmsted County) to approve the county Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network grant sub-agreements and RMB Lab contract and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Jake Gillen (Rice County). Motion passed unanimously.
  5. Consider approval of MAWQCP budget amendment to be submitted to MDA. Bridgette Timm discussed needed changes to the MAWQCP budget for 2019 to allow \$30,000 additional funding for the Wabasha position and an additional \$20,000 for partner technical assistance and promotion. Motion by Greg Wright (Olmsted County) to approve the MAWQCP budget amendment to be submitted to MDA. Seconded by Steve Jacob (Winona County) Motion passed unanimously.
  6. Consider asking for termination of MAWQCP contract with Winona SWCD and approval to switch contract over to Olmsted County. Delegate signing authority for Olmsted Contract. Bridgette Timm noted that the MAWQCP certifier (Mark Root) will be moving his employment from Winona SWCD to Olmsted County, and that the sub agreement with the SEWRB will need to also be changed to allow this. Motion by Steve Jacob (Winona County) to terminate the MAWQCP contract with Winona SWCD and approve switching the contract over to Olmsted County; and to delegate signing authority for Olmsted Contract to the SEWRB Chair. Seconded by Rodney Peterson (Dodge County) Motion passed unanimously

Greg Wright (Olmsted County) exited the meeting at 10.40 AM.

Adjournment: Motion by Jake Gillen (Rice County) to adjourn the meeting, seconded by James Brady (Steele County). Motion passed unanimously Meeting adjourned at 10.42 am by Chair Bakke

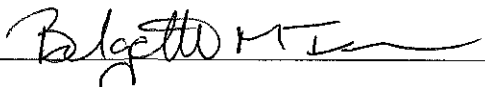
#### Information/discussion

1. Agencies Report (BWSR, MPCA, DNR, others) – Adam Beilke (BWSR) provided a 2018 BWSR Legislative Session Wrap-Up Summary Also noted the BWSR received 9 applications for the next round of 1W1P plan development, and 2 were from this area (Zumbro Watershed and Shell Rock / Winnebago)

Glen Roberson gave an update on TSA Shared Director progress, and the RCPP Small Feedlot grant progress

Respectfully submitted,  
Glen Roberson, Goodhue SWCD

Approved:  Date: 9-10-18  
Chairperson

Attest:  Date: 9-10-18