



Sunrise River WMO

2241 – 221st Ave
Cedar, MN 55011

APPROVED MINUTES

Sunrise River Water Management Organization Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2026
Meeting was held in person at the East Bethel City Hall

1. Call to Order

Mr. Mundle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present	Absent		Present	Absent	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Fleming, (Columbus)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Olson (Linwood)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Melchior, Secretary (Columbus)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Kelly, Vice Chair (Linwood)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Mundle, Chair (E Bethel)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ben Harker, Treasurer (Linwood Alt.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leon Mager (E Bethel)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jamie Schurbon (Admin)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Troy Wolens (Ham Lake)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Jack Davis, Columbus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Hallberg (Ham Lake)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Fleming moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Mager seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

4. Approval of Minutes for February 5, 2026

Mr. Hallberg moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Harker seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

5. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer’s report

Mr. Harker provided the treasurer’s report and noted that there were no deposits or transactions in March, leaving the balance at \$56,704.66.

Chair Mundle indicated that all community members have paid 2026 contributions.

Mr. Olson moved to accept the treasurer’s report as presented, and Ms. Fleming seconded this motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

B. Grants financial report

Mr. Schurbon reviewed the current fund balances and noted that most items remain unchanged, with only a few updates. He stated that the cost-share grant fund currently has \$8,100 available, with an additional \$1,500 expected later this year that has not yet been deposited. He explained that the Lake Shore Stabilization Grant remains unchanged, with

only a small amount of landowner funds remaining. Schurbon reported that approximately \$7,700 remains in watershed-based implementation funds, which are designated for a project on Linwood Lake. He added that the Ditch 20 Restoration Project balance is unchanged at this time. He expects to issue approximately \$93,000 in payment to the construction contractor within the next week and a half, which will reduce that balance accordingly.

Chair Mundle asked whether the board receives an invoice for the Ditch 20 wetland restoration construction? Mr. Schurbon explained that the board will not receive an invoice for that payment because the Anoka Conservation District holds the grant and will make the payment.

Schurbon added that the new Ditch 13 Wetland Restoration Project has been included in the report with no expenditures to date, showing only the total grant amount and the landowner match of \$260,560.60.

6. Unfinished Business

A. 2027 Budget

Mr. Schurbon reported that all four communities have ratified the budget. He stated that the board now needs a motion to adopt the 2027 budget as presented in the amount of \$55,411.

Ms. Hallberg moved to approve the 2027 budget of \$55,411, and Ms. Fleming seconded this. The motion carried with all in favor.

B. FY27 WBIF Grant Process

Mr. Schurbon reported that he and Ms. Fleming attended the recent convene meeting regarding the new round of Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF). He stated that they submitted a request for slightly more than \$72,727 to conduct an internal lake analysis to evaluate nutrient loading originating within the lake and determine which alum treatment options may be effective. Schurbon said the request was not approved. All of the metro WBIF funding will be pooled together with the basin-wide pot of WBIF funding and be administered by the Lower St. Croix Partnership.

He explained that the convene committee discussed whether the Sunrise request could be pursued through other avenues. The Anoka Conservation District could submit it as a member of the Lower St. Croix Partnership. The SRWMO could become a member and submit it directly. At the convene meeting a motion did pass recommending that the Lower St. Croix Partnership include funding for internal loading analysis in their grant work plan.

The board briefly discussed becoming a member of the Lower St. Croix Partnership. Mr. Schurbon and Ms. Fleming will attend the next Partnership meeting and report back to the SRWMO board.

7. New Business

A. 2025 Work Results Report from ACD

Mr. Schurbon presented the 2025 Work Results Report, detailing administrative tasks, water monitoring, outreach, and project summaries. He highlighted the success of water monitoring, showing improvements in phosphorus levels and lake grades.

The group discussed the challenges of lake sediment and the potential for future projects.

Mr. Schurbon introduced a dashboard on the Anoka Conservation District website that showcased conservation projects and their impacts.

B. Community Event Displays

Mr. Schurbon outlined the need for volunteers to staff community event displays and requested two board members per event.

The group discussed the importance of having a presence at events like Booster Day and the need for volunteers to fill gaps.

Mr. Schurbon was asked to create a trifold pamphlet or similar which summarized grant funds available through the SRWMO and included photos of example projects. .

8. Mail

Chair Mundle reported that the board received a letter from Cameron Blake thanking the Sunrise River WMO Board for the opportunity to serve as recording secretary.

9. Other

A. Upcoming Meeting Dates: 2026 – June 11, September 10, November 5. – January 7, February 4

B. State Report

Mr. Schurbon presented a draft of the SRWMO annual report to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources. Mr. Mager suggested removing references to aquatic invasive species and adding metrics for carp removal projects. Chair Mundle pointed out a misspelling in the report, which was corrected. Mr. Schurbon will submit the report.

10. Invoice(s) approval

A. Timesaver Offsite Secretarial \$219.50

B. Anoka Conservation District \$13,154.00

Ms. Fleming moved to pay the invoices, and Mr. Harker seconded this. The motion carried with all in favor.

11. Adjourn

Mr. Mager moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Hallberg seconded this. The motion carried, and Mr. Mundle adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 11 (2026), September 10 (2026)

Submitted by:
Sue Osbeck