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## MINUTES

November 12, 2019

A meeting of the West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA) was called to order by Diane Spector at 8:39 a.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd, Plymouth, MN.

Present were: Laura Jester, Bassett Creek WMC; Doug Baines and Catherine Cesnik, Elm Creek WMC; Amy Riegel, Plymouth; Diane Spector, Wenck Associates; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

1. The **agenda\*** was approved as presented.
2. Motion by Jester, second by Riegel to approve the **minutes\*** of the October 8, 2019 meeting as presented. *Motion carried.*
3. **Watershed PREP.** Meister has the following schools scheduled for visits in the 2019-2020 school year: Good Shepherd 11/11, Meadowbrook 11/12-11/15, Dayton 11/18-11/20, Oxbow Creek 11/21-11/22, Basswood 11/25-11/26, Neill 1/8-1/9, Greenwood 4/10, Rush Creek 5/7 and 5/19, Oak View 5/15 and 5/22 with several schools that have not scheduled yet. A list of classes seen for calendar year 2019 will be available at the December meeting.

The Educators will be meeting with CCX tomorrow to record the **promotional video**.

4. **Project Coordinator Position.\*** The contract has been approved and will be signed at the Shingle Creek meeting this Thursday.

Cesnik will create a short list of questions to gather information about city needs and gaps for education as part of their MS4 permit requirements for review and comment at the next WMWA meeting. Juntunen will provide contact information for Elm Creek, Shingle Creek and West Mississippi TAC members to Cesnik. Jester will provide Bassett Creek TAC member information. Information gathering may occur through phone calls, Emails and/or an online survey.

Cesnik met with Dawn Pape regarding opportunities to partner with the Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts.

5. **Metro Blooms/Lawns to Legumes.**

a. Spector and Juntunen attended a **Lawns to Legumes** Train-the-Trainer workshop for the still-in-development **Lawns to Legumes** program. The individual grants have opened and will run through February and again March-May. Individual residents can apply for grants that will reimburse up to \$350 for installations, including use toward technical services. The program supports four types of installations: pocket plantings, trees and shrubs, bee lawns and pollinator meadows. Grants for Demonstration Neighborhoods totaling \$20,000-\$40,000 will open in December or January. Metro Blooms/Blue Thumb is in charge of the individual part of the program.

b. **Metro Blooms Resilient Yard Workshops.** Attendance at Metro Blooms Resilient Yard workshops has been declining. In 2019, the cost per attendee at these workshops in the WMWA area was \$90 and only 20% of attendees intended to install a planting. Part of the Lawns to Legumes program includes workshops on the plantings supported. Instead of pursuing the Resilient Yards workshops, WMWA will attempt to host Lawns to Legumes workshops in the member watershed area.

6. **Website/Social Media.** Monthly reports were reviewed. Funding for this activity currently comes from the Special Projects line item. This funding has been directed to other priorities in 2020 so the current social media campaign will be discontinued. Juntunen and Cesnik will continue to share social media posts, but not create new content unless

*\*in meeting packet*

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related to a member watershed project or similar information. Juntunen will reach out to Dawn Pape to inform her of the upcoming discontinuation of the social media campaign. The current campaign will continue through December 31, 2019.

**7. Other Business.**

a. Funding currently in the Watershed PREP line item may be reallocated to cover the cost of the **roots display**. More discussion will occur once a display vendor and costs have been confirmed.

b. Dawn Pape has developed **lake-specific AIS identification cards** for the Bassett Creek WMO, funded by a grant received by the Commission. The cards share three main messages. Jester will share the templates with Juntunen and Spector.

c. **The next WMWA meeting** is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at Plymouth City Hall.

**8. Adjournment.** There being no further business, motion by Baines, second by Jester to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Juntunen  
Recording Secretary

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