
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 3/21/2023

Title: Joint Powers Agreement with Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board for Metro Area Children's Water Festival Program Host Services

File Number: 2023-112

Background and Rationale:

Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board, also referred to as Metro Conservation Districts (MCD) is composed of 11 members, including; Anoka Conservation District, Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District, Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District, Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District, Hennepin County, Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District, Ramsey County, Scott Soil and Water Conservation District, Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District, Washington Conservation District, and Wright Soil and Water Conservation District. The purpose of the MCD is to serve as an entity under which its' members can jointly plan, develop, and implement programs and activities for natural resource conservation that are mutually beneficial.

The Metro Area Children's Water Festival (MACWF) is one of these programs, of which, the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Soil and Water Division is tasked with to provide host services for the program. The MACWF is an annual festival that takes place at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and is offered to 4th grade students throughout the metropolitan area. The festival teaches children about water resources and how they can help ensure a future where both the quantity and quality of water resources are protected and managed wisely. More information on the Metro Area Children's Water Festival is available here: <https://www.metrocwf.org>. This will be the first time the Parks & Recreation, Soil & Water Conservation Division has provided host services for the Metro Area Children's Water Festival.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board for Metro Area Children's Water Festival Program host services, for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: - 1: Moran

By: 
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board