COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2016
AGENDA NUMBER: 18
ITEM: Request to Evaluate Boundary with Sunrise WMO

AGENDA: Discussion

ACTION REQUESTED
Review and discuss request to evaluate boundary between Sunrise WMO and Coon Creek WD within the City of Ham Lake

BACKGROUND
On August 30, 2016 Staff met with Troy Wollens, 17817 Oakland Dr NE, Ham Lake. Mr. Wollens lives on Coon Lake. During the meeting, one of the issues that was discussed was that while he was legally within the Coon Creek Watershed District, hydrologically his property is clearly part of the Sunrise drainage area.

Current Boundary and Parcels

ISSUES/CONCERNS
1. **Properties Involved**
   A quick review of the situation indicates that:
   1. There are 109 parcels on approximately 334 acres that are within Coon Creek WD that should be within the Sunrise WMO.
   2. There are 33 parcels on approximately 156 acres that are within Sunrise WMO that drain to Coon Creek WD.

2. **Hydrologic Boundary within Sunrise**
   The above parcels and boundary are based on an estimated height of land and adjacent tributary ditches. This needs to be checked and confirmed.

3. **Estimate of Time & Cost to Conduct Evaluation/Draft Petition**
   Initial estimate is approximately 30 hours of Administrative, GIS and Engineering time at a cost of approximately $2,500. There is a window of time here and staff believes a Draft could be prepared in time for the October 10 Board meeting.

**PRIOR DECISIONS**

**2014 Ham Lake Boundary Evaluation**
In 2014 the District responded to a request from the City of Ham Lake to evaluate the portions of the city that are currently within the Sunrise WMO and Upper Rum River WMOs. An analysis was conducted along with a DRAFT petition to the BWSR for amending the Boundary. While the Board was not super supportive of the petition, Upper Rum demonstrated fierce opposition to the amendment and the BWSR who must approve the petition was not convinced. The District never received any response from the Sunrise WMO.

**OPTIONS**
1. Order evaluation of the boundary
2. Request more information &/or assessment of support
3. Receive the report and evaluate boundary another time

**RECOMMENDATION**
Evaluate the boundary