Saint Paul Regional Water Services January 14, 2020

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 20-116

Pertaining to the acceptance of an Owners Scholarship to attend the 2020 Design-Build for Water/Wastewater Conference.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The decision to use a progressive design-build approach to the Water Treatment Plant Process Improvement Project was made by the Board following the passage of HF3838/SF3297 by the State Legislature.

This is the first time such an approach will be utilized by SPRWS for a major project and staff has sought out training opportunities to increase knowledge and preparedness. One such educational opportunity is the 2020 Design-Build for Water/Wastewater Conference being held April 20-22, 2020 in Dallas Texas. Staff had made application and has been awarded one scholarship to attend this conference.

The scholarship includes reimbursable travel assistance up to \$400 and complimentary registration which includes:

- 1. Full access to all education sessions.
- 2. Full access to the exhibit hall, including lunches and receptions.
- 3. Complimentary access to all the pre-conference Owners courses on April 20, 2020.

The scholarship recipient is required to:

- 1. Participate in the Owners Forum on April 20, 2020; and
- 2. Submit a testimonial and survey of their experience at the end of the conference.

Staff is seeking approval for the acceptance of this scholarship's travel assistance and complimentary registration. Upon approval, the attending staff member commits to completing the requirements as listed above.

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.