



Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board

Mission: Work collaboratively to improve and protect the natural resources within the Cannon River Watershed to ensure prosperity of our urban and agricultural communities.

**Draft CRWJPB Meeting
May 3rd, 2023 at 9 am
Rice County Government Services Building
320 3rd St NW, Faribault, MN 55021**

CRWJPB Members: James Hedeem (Belle Creek WD), Mike Slavik (Dakota County), Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Jeff Beckman (Goodhue SWCD) (*remotely from location 35030 30th Ave Dennison, MN 55018*), Steven Rohlfling (Le Sueur County), David Preisler (Le Sueur County) (*non-voting member*), Jim Struck (Le Sueur SWCD), Galen Malecha (Rice County), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD)

Also in Attendance: Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD SWCD staff), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Emmie Scheffler (Rice SWCD staff), Kourtney Hammerschmidt (Rice SWCD staff), Brad Behrens (Rice County staff), Chad Hildebrand (Goodhue SWCD staff), Mark Schaetzke (Waseca SWCD staff), Brad Becker (Dakota County staff), Holly Bushman (Le Sueur County staff), Sue Erpenbach (Rice SWCD staff), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD staff), Dean Sunderland, Jennifer Wahls, Alan Kraus

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rohlfling called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

Due to a wait for quorum, the agenda was rearranged and items 6 and 9 were discussed first before the regular order of the agenda.

6. 2024 Dues Discussion

The two options members would like to see for dues in 2024 are to keep them the same as 2023 or to reduce them to 90% of current amount. The fiscal agent will look into money markets or high yield savings accounts for the funds. The administrator will send out an email to all members to bring the discussions to their boards for final voting in August.

9. 2023 Budget Update

No additions from budget update presented in the packet.

Jeff Beckman, Goodhue SWCD, joined remotely from 35030 30th Ave Dennison, MN 55018. Quorum is now present.

II. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of February 1st, 2023 Meeting
3. Minutes of April 5th Executive Committee Meetings
4. 2023 1st Quarter Financial Summary and Bills Payable
5. MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant

Motion by Malecha, second by Hedeem to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

III. Regular Agenda

7. Selection of new CRWJPO logo

The logos were narrowed to the top two. Members will be emailed out the logos and the item has been tabled until the August meeting.

8. CRWJPO website

Motion by Slavik, second by Hedeem to approve cannonriverwatershed.gov as the domain name. Motion carried.

Motion by Malecha, second by Slavik to approve the pro plan through Wix for the website. Motion carried.

IV. Update on implementation activities

10. FY2021 WBIF Updates

No Updates.

11. FY2023 WBIF Updates

The Red Wing well sealing has been completed. The MDM activity will not be happening this round of funding.

12. Presentation from Landscape Connections

Jennifer Wahls from the Southeast Landscape Committee presented on RIM Forestry opportunities in the Cannon River Watershed.

13. Shoreline Inventories Presentation

Ashley Gallagher and Holly Bushman presented on the shoreline inventories activity and showed the videos that can be found on the CRWJPO Youtube page.

V. Staff Reports

Mike Schultz presented on the Waterville Flood Study and how the funding to finish the study is stalled at the state house level. The surveying has been completed and plan analysis is still needed. Le Sueur SWCD is trying to find new partners to get this project completed or to help push the project to get funded again. Le Sueur SWCD will look into other outlets and talk to other partners and bring the topic back for the August meeting.

VI. Other Correspondence

There were no other correspondences.

VII. Adjourn

The next meeting will be on August 2nd, 2023 at 9am. Motion by Malecha, second by Hedeem to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha,
Secretary Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board