



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

August 2nd, 2023 at 9 am

Rice County Government Services Building
320 3rd St NW, Faribault, MN 55021

CRWJPB Members: James Hedeem (Belle Creek WD), Kevin Chamberlain (Dakota SWCD), Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Don Schliep (Goodhue SWCD) Steven Rohlring (Le Sueur County), David Preisler (Le Sueur County) (*non-voting member*), Jim Struck (Le Sueur SWCD), Galen Malecha (Rice County), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD), Rick Gnemi (Steele County), Dan Hansen (Steele SWCD), Doug Christopherson (Waseca County), Keith Morgan (Waseca SWCD), Sandy Weber (North Cannon WMO)

Also in Attendance: Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Karl Schmidtke (Le Sueur SWCD SWCD staff), Joe Jirik (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Emmie Scheffler (Rice SWCD staff), Teresa DeMars (Rice SWCD staff), Eric Miller (Waseca County staff), Chad Hildebrand (Goodhue SWCD staff), Mark Schaezke (Waseca SWCD staff), Brad Becker (Dakota County staff), Holly Bushman (Le Sueur County staff), Eric Gulbransen (Steele SWCD staff), David Stenzel (Steele County staff), Dean Sunderland, Alan Kraus

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rohlring called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of May 3rd, 2023 Meeting
3. Minutes of June 21st Executive Committee Meeting
4. 2023 2nd Quarter Financial Summary and Bills Payable
5. 2023 Budget Update
6. MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant

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

III. Regular Agenda

7. FY2023 WBIF Workplan

The shifts in the workplan are based off projects staff already have interest in from landowners.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hedeem to approve the workplan amendment as presented in the packet. Motion carried.

8. Upper Cannon Flood Study

Bolton Menk was selected for the flood study since they started the study when it was utilizing the first round of funding. The funding source would allow 36 months to finish, with the goal being 24 months. The following are also contributing to the study: City of Faribault, City of Waterville, LeSueur SWCD, Rice SWCD, and LeSueur County.

Motion by Gnemi, second by Weber to approve the use of \$20,000 in dues for the match for the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Upper Cannon Flood Study. Motion carried.

9. 2024 Dues

Motion by Malecha, second by Weber to approve the dues for 2024 as 100% for all tiers. Motion carried.

10. Selection of new CRWJPO logo

Motion by Malecha, second by Hedeem to approve the logo of the outline of the watershed as the new CRWJPO logo. Motion carried.

11. 2024 Draft Budget

No further discussion than what was presented in the packet.

12. Policy Updates

Board members recommend staff look into higher rates for structural and non-structural contracts.

13. Letter of Support- RCPP Climate Resilient Agricultural Watersheds

Motion by Malecha, second by Anderson to approve the submittal of a letter of support for the RCPP-Climate Resilient Agricultural Watersheds application. Motion carried.

14. FY21 WBIF grant extension

Motion by Cook, second by Hedeem to approve the CRWJPO administrator submitting an extension for the FY2021 Cannon WBIF grant to BWSR. Motion carried.

IV. Update on implementation activities

15. FY2021 WBIF Updates

No updates.

16. FY2023 WBIF Updates

No updates.

17. Soil Health Events Presentation

Al Kraus presented on the events. There were 101 in attendance for the two events with 43 of them being farmers.

V. Staff Reports

Eric Miller is the new staff representative member from Waseca County.

VI. Other Correspondence

There were no other correspondences.

VII. Adjourn

The next meeting will be on November 1st, 2023 at 9am in the Straight River Room at the Rice County Fairgrounds. Motion by Hansen, second by Gnemi to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha,
Secretary Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board