



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
February 7th, 2024 at 9 am
Straight River Room, Rice County Fairgrounds
1814 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021**

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

Also in Attendance: Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD SWCD staff), Brian Watson (Dakota SWCD staff), Teresa DeMars (Rice SWCD staff), Emmie Scheffler (Rice SWCD staff), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD staff), Chad Hildebrand (Goodhue SWCD staff), Adam Arndt (Steele SWCD staff), Ian Pringle (Steele SWCD staff), Holly Bushman (Le Sueur County staff), David Stenzel (Steele County staff), Adam Bielke (BWSR), Eric Miller (Waseca County staff), Trevor Rudenick (Le Sueur County staff), Daunte Rand

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Administrator Emmie Scheffler called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

II. Election of Officers

Motion by Rohlfig, second by Gnemi to nominate Brad Anderson as chair. Motion by Rohlfig, second by Gnemi to close nominations. Motion carried.

Brad Anderson took over conducting the meeting.

Motion by Gnemi, second by Slavik to nominate Sandy Weber as vice chair. Motion by Slavik, second by Rohlfig to close nominations. Motion carried.

Motion by Slavik, second by Rolfing to nominate Galen Malecha as secretary.

Motion by Gnemi, second by Slavik to close nominations. Motion carried.

**Motion by Malecha, second by Slavik to nominate Richard Cook as treasurer.
Motion by Rohlfig, second by Gnemi to close nominations. Motion carried.**

Motion by Rohlfig, second by Malecha to nominate Mike Slavik as executive committee member at large. Motion by Rohlfig, second by Gnemi to close nominations. Motion carried.

III. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of November 1st, 2023 Meeting
3. Minutes of January 3rd, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting
4. 2023 4th Quarter Financial Summary and Bills Payable
5. 2023 Budget Summary
6. 2024 Budget Update
7. Upper Cannon Flood Study FEMA letter
8. Letter of Support Clean River Partners Fishers and Farmers Grant
9. Audit Engagement Letter

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

IV. Regular Agenda

10. Adopt 2024 CRWJPB Operating Rules

Motion by Hedeem, second by Weber to adopt the 2024 CRWJPB operating rules and appendix with the changes to the officers. Motion carried.

11. Approval of CRWJPO Project and Practice Funding Policy

Motion by Beck, second by Malecha to approve the CRWJPO Project and Practice Funding policy with the addition of a cost share level of 75% for level 3 grazing and feedlots. Motion carried.

12. Approval of Conservation Reserve Program Incentive Pilot Program Policy

Motion by Slavik, second by Gnemi to approve the Conservation Reserve Program Incentive Pilot Program Policy as presented in the packet. Motion carried.

13. Approval of signs for CRWJPO projects

Motion by Chamberlain, second by Gnemi to approve staff spending up to \$1,000 on signs using FY2023 Watershed Based Implementation Funds. Motion carried.

14. MDH Well grant application

Motion by Weber, second by Gnemi to approve the CRWJPO submitting for the Safe Drinking Water Private Well Users Grant Phase I. Slavik abstained from voting. Motion carried.

V. Update on implementation activities

15. Annual report

The Annual report will be sent to every member to present to their members.

16. Presentation on Red Wing Well Sealing

Chad Hildebrand presented.

17. Presentation on well testing clinics with Clean River Partners

Chad Hildebrand and Holly Bushman presented.

VI. Staff Reports

Emmie, Ashley, and Holly will be presenting at the Southern Lakes Conference. Emmie will be on KDHL radio the next Monday to talk about CRWJPO events.

VII. Other Correspondence

There were no other correspondences.

VIII. Adjourn

The next meeting will be on May 1st, 2024 at 9am in the Straight River Room at the Rice County Fairgrounds. Motion by Hansen, second by Gnemi to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha,
Secretary Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board