



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
July 6th, 2022 at 9am
Straight River Room, Rice County Fairgrounds
1814 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021**

CRWJPB Members: Mike Slavik (Dakota County), Jayne Hager Dee (Dakota SWCD), Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Donald Schliep (Goodhue SWCD), Steven Rohlring (Le Sueur County), Jim Struck (Le Sueur SWCD), Sandy Weber (North Cannon WMO), Galen Malecha (Rice County), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD), Rick Gnemi (Steele County), Doug Christopherson (Waseca County)

Also in Attendance: Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Holly Kalbus (Le Sueur County staff), Karl Schmidtke (Le Sueur SWCD SWCD staff), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Emmie Scheffler (Rice SWCD staff), Shaina Keseley (BWSR), Teresa DeMars (Rice SWCD staff), Brad Behrens (Rice County staff), Chad Hildebrand (Goodhue SWCD staff), Mark Schaetzke (Waseca SWCD staff), Eric Gulbransen (Steele SWCD staff), Jeremy Maul (BWSR)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rohlring called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

II. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of April 6th, 2022 Meeting
3. Minutes of June 1st, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings
4. Financial Summary

The financial summary in the packet is new from the one sent out before the meeting.

5. MPCA SWAG
6. 2021 Audit

A portion of the audit was flagged due to the bank not having the bank account under a government account. A portion was not covered then by insurance. It has been corrected.

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

III. Regular Agenda

7. CRWJPO Project and Practices Funding Policy

Ashley Gallagher presented the updated policy and ranking sheets. Cook asked if the attorney had reviewed them, which the answer was there is not a need for them to. Anderson commented that he liked the ranking sheets since they help document the need for each project.

Motion by Malacha, second by Anderson to approve the CRWJPO Project and Practices Funding Policy as presented in the packet. Motion carried.

8. CRWJPO Education and Outreach plan

Teresa DeMars presented. Dee asked who would be doing the work listed under contractor, who would manage those contracts, and if a rfb would go out. Staff answered that they see Clean River Partners doing a large portion of the work, but used the word contractors to keep the door open for others. Board members think rfbs need to be sent out to other areas outside the local vicinity to get more competitive bids and to look at other watersheds since they have the same goal as us and may have had someone do the work already for them. Slavik commented that the plan is very grand and holds education activities accountable for reaching objectives and will help ensure that happens.

Motion by Dee, second by Weber to approve the CRWJPO Education and Outreach plan as presented in the packet. Motion carried.

9. Fox Lake Adaptive Lake Management Plan

Fox Lake was the first plan completed. It was completed slightly under budget and on time. The plan meets all the feasibility study requirements for BWSR. The board is frustrated since they want projects on the ground, however staff ensured that is the next step. The board would like to meet with the people on the lake to go over the results. Weber asked if that study becomes too old quickly to apply for grants. Staff answered that since staff did sampling and didn't do just modeling that the results and study should hold for quite some time.

10. Legal Services contract with Rice County

Emmie Scheffler asked the board if they would like to pursue a multi-year contract in the future, since it took a couple of months to get this one back. The board thinks that is the

best route and should be researched. Board members asked if this goes in front of the county commissioners. Malacha answered that since the amount of work is low demand that it does not.

Motion by Anderson, second by Weber to approve the legal contract with Rice County for legal services for 2022. Motion carried.

11. 2023-2024 WBIF Draft Workplan

Emmie Scheffler presented the draft workplan for 2023-2024. Anderson asked if the amount of funding from BWSR will be the same and the answer is yes. The board discussed what conservation drainage is. Staff answered that it is work done along any county ditch system. The one the group currently plans for is a storage project in Le Sueur County. There is currently a flood study being done in Waterville, but is being funded by a different source.

12. 2023 Dues

Motion by Anderson, second by Gnemi to approve the dues for 2023 to be the same as they were for 2022. Motion carried.

13. 2023 Draft Budget

Steve Pahs presented the draft budget. The budget is only for dues, since the workplan for WBIF is still in progress. Lake Management plans have more funds added in them to help complete them quicker. Steve Pahs will work on getting the actuals for 2022 completed and emailed out to the board.

14. Discussion of 2023-2024 roles

The board is pleased with how the roles are currently going. Staff will now proceed with discussing in further details the roles for the next two years. The board thinks that legal services could be added to the role's agreement.

IV. Update on implementation activities

Reporting for the grant is needed twice a year with BWSR.

V. Staff Reports

There were no other staff reports.

VI. Other Correspondence

There were no other correspondences.

VII. Adjourn

The next meeting will be on October 5th at 9am. Motion by Malacha, second by Gnemi to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha,
Secretary Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board