



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
October 5th, 2022 at 9am
Straight River Room, Rice County Fairgrounds
1814 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021**

CRWJPB Members: Mike Slavik (Dakota County), Kevin Chamberlain (Dakota SWCD), Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Jeff Beckman (Goodhue SWCD), Steven Rohlring (Le Sueur County), Jim Struck (Le Sueur SWCD), Sandy Weber (North Cannon WMO), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD), Dan Hansen (Steele SWCD), Keith Morgan (Waseca SWCD), James Hedeem (Belle Creek WD)

Also in Attendance: Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Karl Schmidtke (Le Sueur SWCD SWCD staff), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Emmie Scheffler (Rice SWCD staff), Teresa DeMars (Rice SWCD staff), Brad Behrens (Rice County staff), Chad Hildebrand (Goodhue SWCD staff), Mark Schaezke (Waseca SWCD staff), Eric Gulbransen (Steele SWCD staff), Jeremy Maul (BWSR), Brian Watson (Dakota SWCD staff), David Stenzel (Steele County staff), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD staff), Brad Becker (Dakota County staff), Haley Byron (Waseca County staff)

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
There was an addition of item 11.2 City of Northfield presentation.
2. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of July 6th, 2022 Meeting
3. Minutes of September 7th, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings
4. Financial Summary
5. MPCA SWAG
6. Amendment to workplan

7. 2023 MCIT Quote
8. 2023 Meeting schedule and location

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

III. Regular Agenda

9. 2023-2025 CRWJPO Roles contracts

There were no further comments on what was presented in the packet.

Motion by Hansen, second by Weber to approve the 2023-2025 CRWJPO roles contract and attachment as presented in the packet. Motion carried.

10. Solicit for legal services 2023-2025

It was discussed that only two counties would potentially be interested in providing services. The issues currently are that with one county providing services there could be conflicts of interest, most have staffing issues, and right now there are county attorney elections happening. The board thinks that both counties and private should be allowed to bid. Dakota SWCD has examples we can use for the rfb.

Motion by Chamberlain, second by Weber to approve the request for bids to be publicly posted and sent to private and county attorneys for the executive committee to make a decision on selecting one in December. Motion carried.

11. 1. MDM presentation

Le Sueur County board is on board with the project. The discussion was that the easement could be part of the match required. The Le Sueur County board would set the amount viewers would have to pay for the 25% match needed. There has back and forth between BWSR rules and drainage law to manage the project pre work.

12. 2. City of Northfield Presentation

Cole Johnson presented the Lincoln Waterway box culvert improvement project. The site drains into the Cannon River. The site currently floods out the neighborhood apartments but does not affect the railroad it goes under. The city is looking for \$50,000 to \$200,000 from the CRWJPO. It was asked how it benefits storage and pollution reductions since installing a larger culvert is like pulling a plug. It was commented by staff that the project is not in the workplan, possible storage projects upstream would be. Anderson thinks that it needs to go through staff and the tac first. Hedeem commented that the flooding downstream needs to be assessed.

13. 2023-2024 WBIF Workplan

The MDM project numbers were explained further since some costs are not eligible. The MDM project and other projects have inflation calculated into the estimates.

Motion by Slavik, second by Anderson to approve the 2023-2024 Cannon River Watershed Implementation funds workplan. Motion carried.

Motion by Cook, second by Hedeem to approve Emmie Scheffler to sign the grant contract from BWSR when it is received. Motion carried.

14. FY2023 Budget

Emmie Scheffler presented the 2023 budget. Once quarter 3 reporting is received, the budget and spent from 2022 will be sent to board members. The executive committee will talk about the fund balance in December. The updated 2023 budget with final carryover numbers will be in for the next meeting.

Motion by Cook, second by Anderson to approve the FY2023 budget as presented in the packet. Motion carried.

15. Purchasing of displays

The board would like to know what the displays would look like first. There are fine with dues to pay for this if needed.

16. Contracting of FY2023 Education and Outreach activities

The board agrees that rfb should occur for the events. They would like to partner with the highway 14 tour for an event.

Motion by Slavik, second by Hedeem to approve soliciting for bids for two of the soil health events with the executive committee selecting one in December, along with partnering on one event for the highway 14 tour. Motion carried.

IV. Update on implementation activities

Soil health event pictures were presented.

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 January 4th, 2023 at 9am. Motion by Hansen, second by Slavik to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha,
Secretary Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board