



# 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.

**CRWJPB Meeting**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Straight River Room**  
**1814 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, Faribault, 55021**

**CRWJPB Members:** James Hedeem (Belle Creek WD), Mike Slavik (Dakota County), Kevin Chamberlain (Dakota SWCD), Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Donald Schliep (Goodhue SWCD), Steven Rohlfing (Le Sueur County), Jim Struck (Le Sueur SWCD), Sandy Weber (North Cannon WMO), 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), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD staff), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Emmie Scheffler (Rice SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Sue Erpanbach (Rice SWCD staff), Jennifer Mocol-Johnson (BWSR), Mark Schaetzke (Waseca SWCD staff), Karl Schmidtke (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Teresa DeMars (Rice SWCD staff), Kent Ross (citizen)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rohlfing called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Anderson, second by Gnemi to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

3. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting

**Motion by Gnemi, second by Struck to approve the minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting. Motion carried.**

4. Minutes of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

**Motion by Gnemi, second by Weber to approve the minutes of the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.**

5. Financial Summary

**Motion by Anderson, second by Slavik to approve the financial summary. Motion carried.**

6. Conflict of interest for LeSueur SWCD

A conflict-of-interest letter from LeSueur SWCD was presented to the Executive committee. The committee found that there would be no conflict with how it was presented. Brad Anderson appreciated this being brought up to the entire board.

7. Contract Docket

Ashley Gallagher presented the current contracts the CRWJPB has for the workplan. A contract for Lake Management plans will be looked at by the CIG this afternoon. Le Sueur County will hold the contract with the engineer for Septic Inventories and should be executed in the next month or two. Board members posed the question of the lakes going to a group sewer route versus septic systems. That is something that has not been looked into.

8. Dues 2022

The dues were discussed at the April meeting to stay the same as they have been in 2020 and 2021 for 2022. The board would like to see in when in the future years the dues would be able to go down. The points brought up for keeping dues high currently were the 10% match needed by BWSR and to have a reserve for other grants that may come available that will need match.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Hedeem to approve the dues for 2022 as presented in the packet. Motion carried.**

9. Budget 2022 Discussion

Steve Pahs presented the current budget for 2022. The board would like to see a different format that is easier to read for the October CRJPB meeting.

10. Soil Health Meetings updated from Clean River Partners

Al Krause from Clean River Partners presented on the events that have occurred already and those upcoming. The board discussed on ways to measure outputs from the meetings in terms of success. The board would also like to see more outreach for the meetings to co-ops, legislation, and other local organizations.

11. Adjourn

**Motion by Hedeem, second by Christopherson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha,  
Secretary Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board