

# Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board

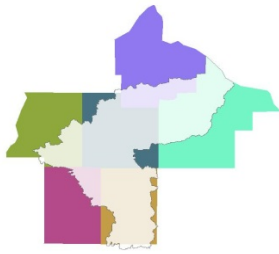
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## AGENDA

### Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 am  
Straight River Room  
1814 2nd Avenue NW, Faribault, 55021

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting
4. Minutes of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting
5. Financial Summary
6. Conflict of interest for LeSueur SWCD
7. Contract docket
8. Dues 2022
9. Budget 2022 discussion
10. Soil Health Meetings updated from Clean River Partners
11. Adjourn



# Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board

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**Draft Minutes  
CRWJPB Meeting  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Zoom Online Video Platform**

**CRWJPB Members:** James Hedeem (Belle Creek WD), 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), Galen Malecha (Rice County), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD), Rick Gnemi (Steele County), Dan Hansen (Steele SWCD), Mike Ludwig (Rice SWCD)

**Also in Attendance:** Brad Behrens (Rice County staff), Haley Byron (Waseca County staff), Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Holly Kalbus (Le Sueur County staff), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD staff), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Emmie Peters (Rice SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Sue Erpanbach (Rice SWCD staff), Brad Becker (Dakota County staff), Jennifer Mocol-Johnson (BWSR), Mark Schaezke (Waseca SWCD staff), Karl Schmidtke (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Jim Purfeerst (Rice County commissioner), Ashley Rezachek (reporter)

1. Call to Order

Chair Rohlring called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting

**Motion by Malacha, second by Gnemi to approve the minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting. Motion carried.**

4. Financial Summary

The financial summary is an update from the one sent out in the board packet. The new financial summary has the March bank statement included.

**Motion by Gnemi, second by Struck to approve the financial summary. Motion carried.**

5. Signature Authority for CRWJPB Treasurer

The CRWJPB appointed a treasurer at the January meeting. Approval is needed for the treasurer to have signature authority on check and other bank related items.

**Motion by Malacha, second by Weber to approve signature authority for the CRWJPB treasurer. Motion carried.**

6. Audit

An unaudited financial statement is required this year due to not meeting the threshold for an audit. Due to the simplicity this year, Rice SWCD thinks it can be done in house by the fiscal agent.

**Motion by Chamberlain, second by Weber to approve the fiscal agent to do the unaudited financial statement. Motion carried.**

7. Alternate Board Members Assignment

The recommendation from staff is to have an alternate board member assigned ahead of time so that way the alternate member can be up to date on information if filling in for the primary member.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Cook to approve to have alternate board members appointed. Motion carried.**

8. Legal Contract with Rice County Attorney Office

A legal agreement was presented in the packet to have Rice County Attorney Office do legal services for the CRWJPB. The current legal agreement has Terence Swihart's billable rate since he will be doing the work. Terence will be leaving the county this summer and the legal agreement will need to be amended once a replacement is selected.

**Motion by Slavik, second by Hedeem to approve the legal agreement between CRWJPB and the Rice County Attorney's office to provide legal services to the CRWJPB. Motion carried.**

9. Bylaws

The Bylaws were presented in the packet. Changes were recommended from Anderson to change the wording from may to shall under member voting for alternate representatives. The point of in person vs online meetings was addressed. Clarification from staff is that due to open meeting law the meeting outside of the pandemic need to be in person. Changes were recommended from Slavik was to have only one member at large on the executive board instead of the two in the presented bylaws.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Malacha to approve the CRWJPB Bylaws with the conditions of the changes in section IV, sentence 2, from may to shall and changes in section IX from two board members at large to one board member at large. Motion carried.**

10. Operating Rules

The operating rules were presented in the packet, with the changes previously approved in bylaws for only one member at large for the executive committee.

**Motion be Slavik, second by Cook to approve the operating rules with the changes in the section under committees from two executive committee members at large to one member. Motion carried.**

11. Election of Executive Committee Members

**Motion be Chamberlain, second by Malacha to nominate Mike Slavik from Dakota County as the member at large for the CRWJPB Executive Committee. Motion carried.**

12. Scheduling of Executive Committee Meeting

There will be a few items that need approval before the July 2021. The thought from members is to do a meeting one month before each CRWJPB meeting, with other meetings as needed. The first executive committee meeting will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 9 am.

13. Contract Docket

Ashley Gallagher presented the docket that was in the packet. There are no contracts yet to approve but may be before the board meets in July.

**Motion be Hedeem, second by Weber to give the executive committee the power to approve the contracts for the practices presented in the contract docket when they are ready. Motion carried.**

14. Dues 2022

The dues were listed as what they have been in 2020 and 2021. Each member should go back to their respective boards to discuss before the July 2021 CRWJPB meeting.

15. Ethics, Conduct, and Conflict of Interest for CRWJPB Members

An Ethics, Conduct, and Conflict of Interest form was presented in the packet. In future years, this form will be found in the operating rules.

**Motion be Hedeem, second by Weber to approve the Ethicsm Conduct, and Conflict of Interest for CRWJPB members form and to require all members and member staff to sign and return the form to the CRWJPB administrator. Motion carried.**

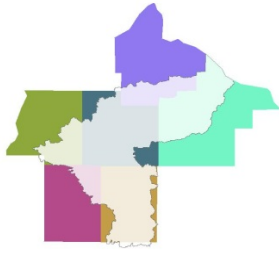
16. Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha,  
Secretary Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board

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# Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board

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**Draft Minutes**  
**CRWJPB Executive Committee**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**  
**Zoom Online Video Platform**

**CRWJPB Members:** Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Steven Rohlring (Le Sueur County), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD)

**Also in Attendance:** Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Emmie Peters (Rice SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD staff)

1. Purpose and roles of the Executive Committee

Emmie Peters went through the roles of the committee as outline in the CRWJPB by-laws and CRWJPB operating rules.

2. LeSueur SWCD Conflict of Interest discussion

Mike Schultz presented to the executive committee a letter outlining a conflict of interest for employee Joe Jirik. The committee decided that he is fine working on items for CRWJPB that are not related to cover crops.

3. Fox Lake Plans for water quality testing

Ashley Gallagher presented the plans for CRWJPB to do the water quality testing themselves. Rice SWCD will buy the equipment but request for CRWJPB funds since the JPB cannot own equipment. Testing will begin in two weeks.

4. Contracting memo from Rice County Attorney review and suggestions

The contracting memo was presented to the committee. The memo does not need approval from the board and will be added to the operating rules.

5. Consulting services analysis for 2021- Septic Inventory

There is no new information at this moment.

6. Consulting services analysis for 2021- PTMapp proposal

A contract was presented to the board from Houston Engineering for the cost of \$40,600.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Cook to approve the contract with Houston Engineering for the cost of \$40,600.**

7. Consulting services analysis for 2021- Lake Management Plans

All new information for this item was discussed during agenda item 3.

8. Review of CRWJPB July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 agenda

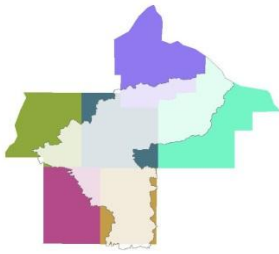
There were no comments on the agenda presented.

9. Location of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting

With the lifting of restrictions due to COVID, the executive committee decided that the July 7<sup>th</sup> CRWJPB meeting should be in person. Emmie Peters will look into the Rice County Government Building or another location in Faribault if that is not available.

10. Adjourn

**Motion be Anderson, second by Cook to adjourn at 9:47 am.**



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Financial Report:

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY 04/30/2021

<b>Balance Forward</b>		<b>\$595,376.25</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Dakota County	2021 Dues	\$3,500.00
North Cannon River		
WMO	2021 Dues	\$500.00
	<b>Revenue total</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$599,376.25</b>

March Bank statements reconciled on April 2, 2021

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY 05/31/2021

	<b>Balance Forward</b>		<b>\$599,376.25</b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>				
		<b>Revenue total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
5/21/2021	Clean River Partners, Inc.	1st qrtr 2021	\$4,485.00	ck#005006
5/21/2021	Rice SWCD	1st qrtr 2021	\$10,914.94	ck#005008
5/21/2021	Dakota SWCD	1st qrtr 2021	\$5,531.72	ck#005007
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$20,931.66</b>	
	<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$578,444.59</b>	

April Bank statements reconciled on May 4, 2021



05/19/2021: transferred \$20,931.66 from savings to checking for 1st quarter invoices.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY 06/30/2021**

<b>Balance Forward</b>		<b>\$578,444.59</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
	<b>Revenue total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$578,444.59</b>

June bank statements not available until July.

QUICKBOOKS REPORTS:

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Accrual Basis

Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2021

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	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Reliance Bank Checking	2,690.05
Reliance Bank Savings	575,754.54
Total Checking/Savings	<u>578,444.59</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>578,444.59</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>578,444.59</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unearned Revenue	
Unearned Rev - WBIF Cannon 1W1P	503,044.49
Total Unearned Revenue	<u>503,044.49</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>503,044.49</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>503,044.49</u>
Total Liabilities	503,044.49
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	48,512.10
Net Income	<u>26,888.00</u>
Total Equity	<u>75,400.10</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>578,444.59</u></b>

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Profit & Loss

06/15/21

April through June 2021

Accrual Basis

	Apr - Jun 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Inter Govern Rev State	
WBIF Cannon 1W1P	11,284.51
Total Inter Govern Rev State	11,284.51
Total Income	11,284.51
Expense	
State Project Expenses	
Grant Administration	
Acctd Imp & Measure	968.24
Administration	3,884.22
Fiscal Coordination	884.31
Tech Asst & Cost Share	530.38
Total Grant Administration	6,267.15
Non Wtrshd Bsd Imp Fund	
Ed & Outreach - CRWP	3,380.00
Total Non Wtrshd Bsd Imp Fund	3,380.00
Watershed Bsd Imp Funding	
Education & Outreach	1,105.00
Grant Administration	
Administration	7,392.80
Education & Outreach	242.45
Fiscal Coordination	434.88
Tech Asst & Cost Share	2,109.38
Total Grant Administration	10,179.51
Total Watershed Bsd Imp Funding	11,284.51
Total State Project Expenses	20,931.66
Total Expense	20,931.66
Net Ordinary Income	-9,647.15
Net Income	<u>-9,647.15</u>



BILLS PAYABLE REPORT FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2021:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Bills Payable**

**APRIL CHECKS**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
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No Disbursements in April

**MAY CHECKS**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
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Bill Pmt - Check	5006	05/21/2021	Clean River Partners, Inc.	4,485.00
Bill Pmt - Check	5007	05/21/2021	Dakota SWCD - Vendor	5,531.72
Bill Pmt - Check	5008	05/21/2021	Rice SWCD - Vendor	<u>10,914.94</u>
				20,931.66

**JUNE CHECKS**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
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No  
Disbursements

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**Agenda Item 7: Conflict of Interest for LeSueur SWCD**

Information Item

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Meeting Date: 7/7/2021

Prepared by: Emmie Scheffler, Rice SWCD

**PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:** A conflict of interest has been presented to the board by LeSueur SWCD.

**SUMMARY:**

Joe Jirik, staff member at LeSueur SWCD, has a conflict of interest presented attached in the board packet. This item was discussed at the June 2021 CRWJP Executive committee meeting. The committee decided that this will not pose a conflict of interest if following what the letter outlines. This item is informational only for the whole board to be aware of the conflict of interest.



## Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

Le Sueur County SWCD  
181 W Minnesota St  
Le Center, MN 56057

Tel. (507) 419-0365  
Website: [www.lesueurswcd.org](http://www.lesueurswcd.org)

5/25/2021

Dear Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board Members,

Le Sueur County SWCD District Technician Joe Jirik has a conflict of interest. Joe owns a company called Soil Health Solutions that interseeds cover crops with a high-clearance seeder (he does not perform any other seeding options with his business). Joe is a resident of Rice County and resides in the Cannon Watershed near Shieldville, MN. Joe's work within the Le Sueur County portion of the Cannon watershed would only be for installing structural practices. Our SWCD Cannon point of contact for all projects is our Resource Technician who is currently working to receive Job Approval Authority in both Structural and Non-structural practices. Joe's role would be to help with this process and to design the more complex structural projects we are capable of at the Le Sueur County SWCD.

Joe will not be working on any cover crop related to the CRWJPB projects in Le Sueur County as that is the role of the Resource Technician position.

I am looking for guidance from the CRWJPB moving forward. Joe and his business have already been identified by the Le Sueur County SWCD Board and his roles with cover crop implementation in our office have been established.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Schultz".

Michael Schultz  
Le Sueur SWCD  
District Manager


**CRWJPB Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form**

I certify that I have read and understand the description of conflict of interest provided and chose to participate or abstain from agenda item(s) and/or associated activities.

Description of conflict	Conflict Type (select one)	Abstain (select one)
<i>See Attached</i>	Perceived Potential Actual	Yes No

Printed Name: Joe Jirik

Member Title and Affiliation: District Technician - Employee of Le Sueur County SWCD

Signature: 



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**Agenda Item 8: Contract docket**

Information Item

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Meeting Date: 7/7/2021

Prepared by: Ashley Gallagher, Dakota SWCD

**PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:** To review the contracting services for the current round of watershed-based implementation funding.

**SUMMARY:**

The table attached outlines the contracting services needed for the current round of watershed-based implementation funding. An update will be provided by Ashley Gallagher as the AIMS and TACS position.

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**Supporting Documents:**

Consulting Services Analysis 2021

## 2021 Services Analysis

Service	Estimate	Contract Holder	Lead	Timeline	Executed
<b>Roles</b>	\$47,700 Annual from Grant \$17,300 Annual from Dues	CRWJPB	Board	Thru end of 2022	JPA (Yes)
<b>Education and Outreach</b>	\$13,000 from Grant \$10,000 from Dues	CRWJPB	Rice SWCD as E & O Role	Thru end of 2021	Contract (Yes)
<b>Legal</b>	\$6,000 As Needed Grant/Dues	CRWJPB	Rice SWCD as Administrator	TBD – No date	JPA (No)
<b>Shoreline Survey – Lower Sakatah Lake</b>	\$10,000 from Grant	CRWJPB	Dakota SWCD as TACS Role	TBD – Need a full growing season, 1 year	Contract (No)
<b>Lake Management Plans – Cedar and Fox Lakes</b>	\$20,000 from Dues	CRWJPB	Dakota SWCD as TACS Role	TBD – Approximately a year, more if contracted for data collection	Contract (No)
<b>PTMapp – Straight River and Mississippi River Direct DA</b>	\$55,000 from Grant	CRWJPB	Dakota SWCD as TACS Role	TBD- Approximately 6 months	Contract (No)
<b>Septic Inventory – Volney-Gorman Lakes</b>	\$120,000 from Grant	Le Sueur County	Le Sueur County as Member	TBD- Approximately 2 years	Contract (No)

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**Agenda Item 9: Dues 2022**

Request for Action

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Meeting Date: 7/7/2021

Prepared by: Emmie Scheffler, Rice SWCD

**PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:** Action is needed on the amount that will be paid for dues in 2022.

**SUMMARY:** The CRWJPB dues for 2020 and 2021 were the following:

Tier 1 Memberships: \$5,000

Tier 2 Memberships: \$3,500

Tier 3 Memberships: \$2,000

Tier 4 Memberships: \$500

Membership dues were discussed at the April 2021 meeting as to stay the same. The action today is for members to set the dues rate for 2022.

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**Supporting Documents:**

None.

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**Agenda Item 10: Budget 2022 discussion**

Information Item

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Meeting Date: 7/7/2021

Prepared by: Steve Pahs, Rice SWCD

**PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:** A discussion on the draft budget presented to that board will allow time for staff to make changes, if needed, before the October 2021 meeting where the budget will be voted on.

**SUMMARY:**

The budget included in the board packet is a preliminary budget based off past practices and those outlined in the CRWJPB grant with BWSR. This budget is not the final budget for 2022. Changes can be or will be made to the budget before final board approval in October 2021.

## Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board (CRWJPB)

2020 BUDGET and 2021

REVENUE	2020 <u>Estimated Actual</u>	2020 <u>Actual</u>	<u>2021 Est. Actual</u>	<u>2022 Proposed</u>
<b>1. Member Dues</b>	\$49,000	\$49,000	\$49,000	\$49,000
Tier 1 - \$5,000: Goodhue County, Goodhue SWCD, Steele County, Steele SWCD, Rice County, Rice SWCD	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Tier 2 - \$3,500: Dakota County, Dakota SWCD, Le Sueur County, Le Sueur SWCD	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
Tier 3 - \$2,000: Waseca County, Waseca SWCD	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Tier 4 - \$500: Belle Creek WD, North Cannon River WMO	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>2. Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant</b>			\$514,329	
Carryover from previous year				\$303,463
Second allocation: 40%				\$411,463
Third allocation: 10% (\$102,866)				
<b>3. Interest Income</b>	\$5 a		\$100	\$100
<b>4. Carryover from previous year</b>			\$48,512	\$45,749
<b>5. State Metro WBIF</b>			\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$49,005</b>	<b>\$49,000</b>	<b>\$616,941</b>	<b>\$814,775</b>
EXPENSE				
<b>1. Activities (non-watershed based implementation funds)</b>	\$0	\$0	\$22,000	\$35,000
A. Education and Outreach : Clean River Partners	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
B. Lake Management Plans (internal/external loads)	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$25,000
<b>2. Administration</b>	<b>\$10,222</b>	<b>\$10,222</b>	<b>\$22,300</b>	<b>\$22,300</b>
A. Administration			\$2,500	\$2,500
Local Dues	\$7,351	\$7,351	\$2,500	\$2,500
B. Fiscal Coordination			\$2,500	\$2,500
Local Dues	\$900	\$900	\$2,500	\$2,500
C. Education and Outreach			\$4,800	\$4,800
Local Dues			\$4,800	\$4,800
D. Technical Assistance and Cost Share			\$2,500	\$2,500
Local Dues	\$1,227	\$1,227	\$2,500	\$2,500
E. Accelerated Implementation and Measuring			\$10,000	\$10,000
Local Dues	\$744	\$744	\$5,000	\$5,000
State Metro WBIF			\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>3. Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant</b>			<b>\$210,866</b>	<b>\$523,949</b>
A. Inventories			\$30,000	\$134,675
B. Cost-Share Projects			\$40,000	\$265,241
C. Education Outreach			\$13,166	\$9,667
D. Plan Development			\$55,000	\$20,000
E. C/S Technical Assistance			\$30,000	\$51,667
F. Grant Administration				
a. Administration			\$12,500	\$12,500
b. Fiscal Coordination			\$7,500	\$7,500
c. Education and Outreach			\$10,200	\$10,200
d. Technical Assistance and Cost Share			\$12,500	\$12,500
e. Accelerated Implementation and Measuring			\$0	\$0
<b>4. Services</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
A. Legal	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
B. Audit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
<b>5. Watershed Plan Reserve</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>6. Liability Insurance</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$2,563</b>	<b>\$2,563</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$15,582</b>	<b>\$15,582</b>	<b>\$267,729</b>	<b>\$597,812</b>
<b>INCOME - EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$33,423</b>	<b>\$33,418</b>	<b>\$349,212</b>	<b>\$216,963</b>
		\$0		\$ 30,886.00

**CANNON RIVER WATERSHED  
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**Agenda Item 12: Soil Health Meetings updated from Clean River Partners**

Information Item

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Meeting Date: 7/7/2021

Prepared by: Steve Pahs, Rice SWCD

**PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:** Review of the soil health events contracted with Clean River Partners using watershed-based implementation dollars.

**SUMMARY:**

Presented in the packet is the list of 2021 soil health events that Clean River Partners are coordinating in contract with CRWJPB. These events are spread out across the watershed.

# Cannon River Watershed Comprehensive Management Plan

## Deliverable: Plan and Develop Soil Health Group Meetings

2021

Alan Kraus Cannon River Watershed Partnership

Meetings would target farmers that reside within a reasonable proximity to the event locations, with each attended by 15-25 people. Meetings are held outdoors or in a well-ventilated shop or shed, would last 2-2.5 hours, offer a light meal (sandwiches) and water, may include a guest presenter and would reimburse the farmer \$100 for hosting. Some meetings are confirmed; others are yet to be confirmed but initial conversations have been held. While all the events have soil health considerations, some of the events have a focus other than strictly soil health.

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	FOCUS
June 14 – 7:00-9:00pm – CONFIRMED –  Partnering with Goodhue SWCD	Lyle Dicke Farm Goodhue County	Soil Health Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planting green – corn &amp; soybeans</li> <li>Soil biology</li> <li>Speakers: Prof. Axel Garcia y Garcia UMN, Anne Sawyer – UMN Extension &amp; Lyle Dicke</li> </ul>
June 15 – 5:00-7:00pm – CONFIRMED – Partnering with Rice SWCD & St. Olaf College	L&M Bar & Grill Rice County	Rice, Wolf, Heath Creek cover crop expansion meeting – NOT part of the JPB work	Share tile drainage/stream results. Explain cover crop expansion effort (Bridgewater Cover Crop Adoption Project)
June 23 – 6:00-8:30pm – CONFIRMED  Partnering with Goodhue SWCD & MDA	Ed McNamara Farm Goodhue County	Soil Health Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soil structure</li> <li>Forage production</li> <li>Species selection</li> <li>Interseeding options</li> <li>Wide row corn with cover crops</li> </ul> Speakers: John Beck, James Paulson, Tom Pyfferoen, TJ Kartes & Ed McNamara
July 13 – 5:30-7:30pm – CONFIRMED  Partnering with TJ Kartes & Rice SWCD	Mike Peterson Rice County	Soil Health Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for late season cover crop interseeding</li> <li>Strip-till</li> <li>Soil Biology</li> <li>Sequestering Carbon</li> <li>Speakers: Dan Maxbauer – Carleton College; Anne Sawyer – UMN Extension, TJ Kartes &amp; Mike Peterson</li> </ul>
July 28 – 5:30-7:30 pm – CONFIRMED  Partnering with FGI, SFA & Goodhue SWCD	Kaleb Anderson Farm Goodhue County	Soil Health Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growing &amp; grazing Kernza - perennial grain &amp; forage</li> <li>Cereal rye for seed</li> <li>Wide row corn with cover cops</li> <li>Soil pit</li> <li>Speakers: Prof. Jake Jungers &amp; Kaleb Anderson</li> </ul>
July? – could be later Partnering with Waseca SWCD	Jason Norton Farm ? Waseca County	Soil Health Meeting	New soil health demonstration plots

August 4 – 3:00-5:00 – CONFIRMED Partnering with Mn Land Trust, SFA & Goodhue SWCD	Todd Churchill Farm	Soil Health Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silvopasture</li> <li>• Soil biology</li> <li>• Using conservation easements to meet land goals</li> <li>• Speakers: Wayne Ostle – MN Land Trust, Doug Vos – Sustainable Farming Association, Tom Hunter – Wabasha County farmer &amp; Todd Churchill</li> </ul>
August 18 – Time? – CONFIRMED Partnering with Farmamerica & Waseca SWCD	Farmamerica site Waseca County	Soil Health Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil health comparisons – strip-tilled fields with &amp; without cover crops</li> <li>• Speakers: Gene Kuntz</li> </ul>
August ?	John Bonde Farm ? Rice County	Soil Health Meeting	Strip-till, cover crops, conservation practices economics
Sep 7 – 11:00-1:00 pm – CONFIRMED – Partnering with Rice SWCD	Steve Trnka Farm Rice County	Soil Health Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate late season cover crop interseeding methods</li> <li>• RowBot</li> <li>• Drone</li> <li>• High Platform</li> <li>• Rice SWCD Seeder</li> <li>• Speakers: Company Reps</li> </ul>
Aug/Sep??	CRAC Field Day Steele County ??	Soil Health meeting	???
Sep 14 – 1:00-3:00 pm - CONFIRMED – Partnering with FGI, Rice SWCD & City of Faribault	KC Betzhold Farm Rice County	Soil Health Meeting Faribault DWSMA Mtg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter camelina – relay planting soybeans</li> <li>• Cover crops</li> <li>• No-till planting</li> <li>• Groundwater protection</li> <li>• Speakers: Prof. Scott Wells</li> </ul>