



# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 9am  
Straight River Room, Rice County Fairgrounds  
1814 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021**

**CRWJPB Members:** James Hedeem (Belle Creek WD), Mike Slavik (Dakota County), Kevin Chamberlain (Dakota SWCD), Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Don Schliep (Goodhue SWCD), Steven Rohlring (Le Sueur County), David Preisler (Le Sueur County), Cletus Gregor (Le Sueur SWCD), Sandy Weber (North Cannon WMO), Galen Malecha (Rice County), Rick Gnemi (Steele County), Dan Hansen (Steele SWCD), Doug Christopherson (Waseca County)

**Also in Attendance:** Ashley Gallagher (Dakota 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), Joe Edel (Waseca SWCD staff), Eric Gulbransen (Steele SWCD staff), Brian Watson (Dakota SWCD staff), David Stenzel (Steele County staff), Brad Becker (Dakota County staff), Haley Byron (Waseca County staff), Holly Bushman (Le Sueur County staff), Sue Erpenbach (Rice SWCD staff), Adam Arndt (Steele SWCD staff), Dean Sunderland, Jennifer Tonko (CRP), Jim Fischer

## **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

## **II. Election of Officers**

**Nomination by Malecha, second by Gnemi for Steve Rohlring to act as chair for the CRWJPB.**

**Motion by Anderson, second by Hedeem to close nominations.**

**Motion by Gnemi, second by Weber to keep all officer positions the same for 2023 as they were for 2022. Motion carried.**

## **III. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Joint Powers Board Minutes of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting

3. Minutes of October 27<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meetings
4. 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Summary and Bills Payable
5. MCIT invoice 2023 for Property/Casualty Insurance
6. MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant
7. Financial Audit engagement letter with Peterson Company

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

#### **IV. Regular Agenda**

8. Adopt 2023 CRWJPO Operating Rules

**Motion by Malecha, second by Gnemi to have Commissioner Slavik as the fifth member of the CRWJPO Executive Committee and to adopt the 2023 CRWJPO Operating Rules as presented in the packet Motion carried.**

**Motion carried.**

9. Revised 2023 Meeting Schedule

**Motion by Hansen, second by Hedeem to approve the adjusted meeting schedule for 2023 for May, August, and November. Motion carried.**

10. Approval of legal services contract for 2023-2025

**Motion by Anderson, second by Gnemi to approve the contract as found in the packet with Campbell Knutson, *Professional Association*, for legal services for the CRWJPO for 2023-2025. Motion carried.**

11. Approval of FY2023 Education and outreach activities contract

The discussion of what other watersheds are doing and whom they are contracting with will be investigated by staff.

**Motion by Slavik, second by Anderson to approve the contract as found in the packet with Clean River Partners for 2023 education and outreach activities. Motion carried.**

12. 2022 Budget Summary

Steve presented the 2022 actual budget. The group discussed how the negative at the end works with BWSR and for the audit and staff will look into it.

13. 2023 Budget update

Emmie Scheffler presented the 2023 budget with updated numbers after the 2022-year ends. The discussion of cutting dues down will be on the agenda in May.

**V. Update on implementation activities**

Ashley Gallagher presented the annual report to the board that was included in the packet. Steve Pahs presented on the soil health peer-to-peer events. There were 6 total this year.

**VI. Staff Reports**

An update on FY21 WBIF can be found in the packet. SSTS was closed out under budget. The whole system needs to be in compliance by 2025.

Staff will begin to send a short email update to the board monthly.

**VII. Other Correspondence**

Jennifer Tonko, Clean River Partners new executive director, introduced herself to the board.

**VIII. Adjourn**

**The next meeting will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 9am. Motion by Gnemi, second by Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha,  
Secretary Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board