



Minutes

Central Minnesota River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting

May 13, 2026

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

Joint Powers Board Members Present:

Commissioner Kurt Stranberg (Chippewa County),
Chair
Commissioner Corky Berg (Kandiyohi County)
Supervisor Brandon Smith (Kandiyohi County
SWCD)
Supervisor Kevin Kokesch (Renville County SWCD)
Supervisor Jerry Schwitters (Chippewa SWCD)

Staff Members Present:

Kyle Richter, Renville SWCD
Kelly O'Neill, Renville County
Desirae Jarett, Chippewa SWCD
JoAnn Blomme, Chippewa County
Margaret Johnson, Kandiyohi SWCD
Eric Van Dyken, Kandiyohi County

Others present:

BWSR Board Conservationist Luke Olson
BWSR Clean Water Specialist Mark Hiles

Board Chair Stranberg called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. on May 13, 2026.

AGENDA

- Supervisor B. Smith made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Assurance Measures. Commissioner Berg, second. Motion carried.

MINUTES

- Supervisor B. Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from March 31, 2026 CMRWP Special Meeting. Supervisor Kokesch, second. Motion carried.

BANKING UPDATE

Plan Coordinator Richter and Fiscal Administrator Jarett request action to keep HomeTown bank accounts open with minimum balance and add signers (Zach Bothun, Jerry Schwitters, Desirae Jarett, Holly Hatlewick, Kurt Stranberg) and remove Heidi Rauenhorst from HomeTown Bank accounts.

- Supervisor B. Smith made a motion to keep HomeTown bank accounts and remove Heidi Rauenhorst from HomeTown Bank accounts as requested. Commissioner Berg, second. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Kokesch made a motion to add Zach Bothun, Kurt Stranberg, Desirae Jarett, Jerry Schwitters, and Holly Hatlewick as signers on the HomeTown bank accounts. Supervisor B. Smith, second. Motion carried.

PROGRAM BUDGET UPDATE

Plan Coordinator Richter gave a program budget update and requested action to allow Fiscal Administrator and another signer to process payments on reimbursements as presented as soon as new checks arrive.

- Commissioner Berg made a motion to allow Fiscal Administrator and another signer to process those payments. Supervisor Kokesch, second. Motion carried.

AUDIT UPDATE

Plan Coordinator Richter informed the board that he and Fiscal Administrator Jarett have collected and submitted the requested information to the auditor for the 2024 Audit.

RECORDS RETENTION

Plan Coordinator Richter informed the board that staff will be working with BWSR to get into compliance

STANDARD PAYMENT PERIOD

Plan Coordinator Richter requested action on a standard payment period of 45 business days after the receipt of an invoice as recommended by audit firm.

- Supervisor B. Smith motioned to set a standard payment period as presented. Commissioner Berg, second. Motion carried.

ASSURANCE MEASURES

BWSR Clean Water Specialist Mark Hiles and BWSR Board Conservationist Luke Olson informed the board that assurance measures are a legislative requirement. Results are shared with the BWSR Board and the Clean Water Council. Clean Water Specialist Hiles discussed the four assurances and their results. Priority area maps were looked at and forward-looking progress was discussed. Commissioner Berg encouraged keeping the headwaters in focus and noted that with all the changes recently, he feels we are doing well and is happy with our progress and forward motions.

Meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Stranberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kurt" being more prominent than the last name "Stranberg".

Kurt Stranberg, Board Chair