



Minutes

Central Minnesota River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Board Meeting February 12, 2025

Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District Office

Joint Powers Board Members Present:

Commissioner Kurt Stranberg (Chippewa County)
Commissioner Corky Berg (Kandiyohi County)
Commissioner David Hamre (Renville County), Chair
Commissioner John Robinson (Renville County, alternate)
Supervisor Jerry Schwitters (Chippewa County Soil and Water Conservation District), Secretary
Supervisor Brandon Smith (Kandiyohi County Soil and Water Conservation District), Vice Chair
Supervisor Phil Smith (Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District)

Staff Members Present:

JoAnn Blomme (Chippewa County)
Eric Van Dyken (Kandiyohi County)
Zach Bothun (Chippewa County Soil and Water Conservation District)
Margaret Johnson (Kandiyohi County Soil and Water Conservation District)
Holly Hatlewick (Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District)
Heidi Rauenhurst (Hawk Creek Watershed Project)
Luke Olson (Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources)
Mark Hiles (Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Hamre called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM and began introductions.

2. Additions/Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Supervisor B. Smith and seconded by Supervisor P. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

3. Election of Officers

Commissioner Berg nominated Commissioner Hamre as Chair. Supervisor P. Smith moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Supervisor Schwitters seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

Commissioner Berg nominated Supervisor B. Smith as Vice Chair. Supervisor P. Smith moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Supervisor Schwitters seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

Supervisor P. Smith nominated Supervisor Schwitters as Secretary. Commissioner Stranberg moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Commissioner Berg seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

4. Bank Account Authorized Signers

Supervisor Schwitters will be added as an authorized signer on the CMRWP's HomeTown Bank checking account and the CMRWP's HomeTown Bank IntraFi account. Supervisor P. Smith will be removed as an authorized signer on the CMRWP's HomeTown Bank checking account and the CMRWP's HomeTown Bank IntraFi account. The authorized signers on the CMRWP's HomeTown Bank checking account are Commissioner Hamre, Supervisor B. Smith, Supervisor Schwitters, Rauenhorst, and Annette Benson. The authorized users for account access to CMRWP's HomeTown Bank IntraFi account are Commissioner Hamre, Supervisor B. Smith, Supervisor Schwitters, Rauenhorst, Annette Benson, and Nicole Fernkes. A motion to approve the authorized signers and users on the bank accounts was made by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Supervisor P. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

5. Approval of November 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the November 6, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Supervisor B. Smith and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

6. 2024 Annual Projects Presentation

Staff gave a presentation of the projects that were completed in 2024.

7. 2024 Audit Engagement Letter

A motion to approve the 2024 Audit Engagement Letter from Peterson Company Ltd was made by Supervisor Schwitters and seconded by Supervisor B. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

8. Budget Update

Rauenhorst presented the budget and financial reports as of December 31, 2024.

A motion to approve the budget and financial reports as presented was made by Commissioner Strandberg and seconded by Supervisor P. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

9. Other Business and Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for May 14, 2025 at 1:30 PM at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor B. Smith and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.