



Minutes

Central Minnesota River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Board Meeting

February 28, 2024

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

Joint Powers Board Members Present:

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)
Supervisor Brandon Smith (Kandiyohi County Soil and Water Conservation District), Vice Chair
Supervisor Phil Smith (Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District), Secretary

Staff Members Present:

JoAnn Blomme (Chippewa County)
Eric Van Dyken (Kandiyohi County)
Kelly O'Neill (Renville 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 Rauenhorst (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 Commissioner Berg and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

3. Election of Officers

Supervisor B. Smith nominated Commissioner Hamre as Chair. Commissioner Berg seconded the nomination. No other nominations were heard. A motion that nominations cease was made by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

Commissioner Berg nominated Supervisor B. Smith as Vice Chair. Supervisor Schwitters seconded the nomination. No other nominations were heard. A motion that nominations cease was made by Supervisor P. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

Supervisor Schwitters nominated Supervisor P. Smith as Secretary. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot was made by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Supervisor B. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

Supervisor P. Smith will be added as an authorized signer on the CMRWP's HomeTown Bank checking account and the CMRWP's HomeTown Bank IntraFi account. Supervisor Schwitters 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 P. Smith, and Annette Benson. The authorized users for account access to CMRWP's HomeTown Bank IntraFi account are Commissioner Hamre, Supervisor B. Smith, Supervisor P. Smith, Rauenhorst, Annette Benson, and Nicole Fernkes.

4. Approval of November 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the November 1, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Supervisor B. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

5. 2023 Project Implementation Presentation

Staff presented two projects that were completed in 2023: a grade stabilization in Renville County and a water and sediment control basin in Kandiyohi County.

6. FY22-23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Supplemental Funds

BWSR awarded CMRWP \$397,003 in supplemental funds. Staff are working on the budget and workplan for the supplemental funds.

A motion to delegate authority to implement the amendment for the supplemental funds and delegate signing authority for the amendment for the supplemental funds to the chair was made by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Supervisor P. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

7. FY24-25 WBIF Draft Workplan

BWSR awarded CMRWP \$1,504,444 in FY24-25 WBIF. Staff are working on the budget and workplan for the funds.

8. Cost Share Policy Revision

A motion to accept the cost-share policy as presented was made by Supervisor B. Smith and seconded by Supervisor P. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

A motion to amend the previous motion to accept the cost-share policy with the revisions of changing the effective date from TBD to February 28, 2024 on page 1, adding strip till to Continuous no-till in the table on page 3, and changing the asterisk with the 80-acre cap on page 3 was made by Supervisor P. Smith and seconded by Supervisor B. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

The revised cost-share policy is effective moving forward and is based on the contract date, not on the funding source.

9. Revised Resolution to Delegate Contracting Authority to JPA Parties

A motion to approve Resolution #2024-01 as presented was made by Supervisor Schwitters and seconded by Supervisor B. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

10. 2023 Audit Engagement Letter

A motion to approve the 2023 Audit Engagement Letter was made by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

It was requested that Rauenhorst inquire if a lower fee for the audit could be acquired. The audit will proceed regardless if a lower fee is negotiated or if the cost remains as the original amount quoted.

11. Budget Update

Rauenhorst presented the budget and financial reports as of December 31, 2023.

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

Motion Carried (Yes-5, No-0)

12. Other Business and Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for May 1, 2024 at 1:30 PM at the Kandiyo County Health and Human Services Building.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.