



Minutes

Central Minnesota River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Board Meeting

August 2, 2023

1:30 PM

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

Joint Powers Board Members Present:

Commissioner Candice Jaenisch (Chippewa County)
Commissioner Corky Berg (Kandiyohi County)
Commissioner David Hamre (Renville County), Chair
Supervisor Jerry Schwitters (Chippewa County Soil and Water Conservation District), Vice Chair
Supervisor Brandon Smith (Kandiyohi County Soil and Water Conservation District), Secretary
Supervisor Dean Schroeder (Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District)

Staff Members Present:

JoAnn Blomme (Chippewa 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)
John Shea (Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair 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 Schroeder and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

3. Approval of May 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the May 3, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Jaenisch and seconded by Commissioner Berg.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

4. 2022 Audit

A motion to approved the 2022 audit as presented was made by Supervisor Smith and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

5. Hawk Creek Watershed Project Contract for Services Amendment

Supervisor Smith requested a performance review survey before approving the Hawk Creek Watershed Project Contract for Services Amendment. Supervisor Smith will draft a questionnaire and send to board members for review and approval. After board member review and approval, Supervisor Smith will send the questionnaire to County and SWCD staff to complete. County and SWCD staff will submit their completed questionnaires to Chair Hamre. Chair Hamre will compile the answers and present the results at the next board meeting. Commissioner Jaenisch requested that HCWP also have the opportunity to provide feedback.

6. Projects Update

The technical committee presented a funding spreadsheet with the grant amounts awarded, encumbered, spent, and remaining. The board requested more information on the spreadsheet.

7. Budget Update

Rauenhorst presented the budget and financial reports as of June 30, 2023.

Shea informed the group that additional Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) may become available soon. A motion to direct staff to apply for additional funds from BWSR if available was made by Commissioner Jaenisch and seconded by Commissioner Berg.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

8. Other Business and Next Meeting

Shea discussed the Conservation Reserve Program WBIF incentive grant. Kandiyohi SWCD will be the grant holder and will work with the Chippewa and Renville SWCDs to allocate the funds.

The next meeting was set for November 1, 2023 at 1:30 PM in Room 2057 of the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.