



Minutes

Central Minnesota River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Board Meeting

November 1, 2023

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

Joint Powers Board Members Present:

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 Phil Smith (Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District)

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)
Doug Goodrich (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 Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-4, No-0)

3. Approval of August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the August 2, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Schwitters and seconded by Commissioner Berg.

Motion Carried (Yes-4, No-0)

4. Cost Share Policy Update

A draft revised cost share policy was presented. The policy needs additional changes and will be presented at the next board meeting.

Supervisor P. Smith joined the meeting.

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

One Watershed One Plan groups that received FY22-23 WBIF funding have the opportunity to apply for approximately \$7 million in FY22-23 WBIF supplemental funds. A motion to authorize an application for FY22-23 WBIF supplemental funds with the final amount requested to be determined by staff was made by Supervisor B. Smith and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-4, No-0),
with Supervisor P. Smith abstaining

6. FY24-25 WBIF Draft Workplan

The budget and workplan for the FY24-25 WBIF grant are in development. A motion to submit an application for the FY24-25 WBIF grant was made by Supervisor Schwitters and seconded by Commissioner Berg.

Motion Carried (Yes-4, No-0),
with Supervisor P. Smith abstaining

7. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Incentives Pilot Program Update

The Kandiyohi SWCD is administering the CRP Incentives Pilot Program for the CMRWP work area and has agreements in place with Chippewa SWCD and Renville SWCD. The Farm Bill biologist in the Kandiyohi SWCD office is working on prioritizing the funding.

8. Hawk Creek Watershed Project Contract for Services Amendment

A motion to approve the amended contract for services agreement was made by Supervisor Schwitters and seconded by Commissioner Berg.

Motion Carried (Yes-4, No-0),
with Supervisor P. Smith abstaining

a. Questionnaire Results

Commissioner Hamre presented the results of the questionnaire. A discussion was had on what is going well, what has improved, and what needs improvement.

9. Projects Update

Staff members discussed projects completed and projects in process. A presentation of the projects completed is planned for the next board meeting.

10. Budget Update

Rauenhorst presented the budget and financial reports as of September 30, 2023. A motion to approve the financial statements as presented was made by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Supervisor B. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-4, No-0),
with Supervisor P. Smith abstaining

11. Other Business and Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for February 7, 2023 at 1:30 PM at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.