



## Minutes

### Central Minnesota River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Board Meeting

November 5, 2025

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

#### Joint Powers Board Members Present:

Commissioner Kurt Stranberg (Chippewa County)  
Commissioner Corky Berg (Kandiyohi County)  
Commissioner David Hamre (Renville County), Chair  
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)  
Kelly O'Neill (Renville County)  
Zach Bothun (Chippewa County Soil and Water Conservation District)  
Margaret Johnson (Kandiyohi County Soil and Water Conservation District)  
Kyle Richter (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 1:31 PM.

#### 2. Additions/Approval of Agenda

Rauenhorst requested to add a proposed revision to the CMRWP cost-share policy to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor B. Smith and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

#### 3. Approval of August 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the August 6, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Stranberg and seconded by Supervisor P. Smith.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

#### 4. Project Update

- CMRWP 24-23

An update to contract # CMRWP 24-23 that was originally approved by the board on November 6, 2024 was given. Contract # CMRWP 24-23 will use FY22-23 and FY24-25 Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) for \$212,415.00 for 833 acres of cover crops for three years.

5. Second FY22-23 WBIF Grant Reconciliation Update

The results of the second FY22-23 WBIF grant reconciliation were presented. One noncompliance was identified and a corrective action plan will be submitted to BWSR.

6. Budget Update

Rauenhorst presented the budget and financial reports as of September 30, 2025.

A motion to approve the budget and financial reports as presented was made by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

7. Contract for Services

A motion to increase the amount of the current contract for services between the CMRWP and the HCWP by \$15,000, not to exceed \$15,000, and maintain the current contract end date of February 2, 2026 was made by Supervisor B. Smith and seconded by Supervisor Schwitters.

Hamre – aye

Schwitters – aye

B. Smith – aye

P. Smith - aye

Stranberg - aye

Berg – aye

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

Entities that would like to submit a proposal for the contract for services can email their proposal to the board on or before January 5, 2026.

8. Other Business and Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for January 12, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building.

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

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Schwitters and seconded by Commissioner Stranberg.

Motion Carried (Yes-6, No-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.