



North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

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MINUTES

BOARD OF MANAGERS

January 20, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Castle Rock Townhall
and Virtual Zoom

NCRWMO Managers Present:

Sandy Weber	Castle Rock Township
Jeff Reed	Douglas Township
Greg Langer	Greenvale Township
Dan Peine	Hampton Township
Harlan Lichty	City of Randolph

Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher, Dakota County SWCD Staff
Jayne Hager Dee, Dakota County SWCD Board

1. Call to Order

Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Greg Langer, second by Harlan Lichty to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Election of Officers

Nominations were opened for Chair. Jeff Reed nominated Sandy Weber, second by Greg Langer. There were no other nominations, nominations were closed, a white ballot was cast for Sandy Weber. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Vice Chair. Jeff Reed nominated Greg Langer, second by Dan Piene. There were no other nominations, nominations were closed, a white ballot was cast for Greg Langer. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Treasurer/Secretary. Greg Langer nominated Frank Wergin, second by Jeff Reed. There were no other nominations, nominations were closed, a white ballot was cast for Frank Wergin. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for NCRWMO representative to the CRWJPB. Harlan Lichty nominated Sandy Weber, second by Greg Langer. There were no other nominations, nominations were closer, a white ballot was cast for Sandy Weber. Motion carried.

4. Audience

Chair Weber asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Board on an item that is not on the agenda. No one appeared.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 October 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

5.2 Invoices for Payment

5.3 Year-end Financial Summary

Motion by Greg Langer, second by Jeff Reed to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

6. New Business

6.1 Watershed Based Implementation Funding

- a. **Metro Cannon Through Dakota SWCD** – Dakota SWCD submitted the workplan of activities to Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) on behalf of the collaborative. The grant of about \$305,000 was recently executed and work can begin on activities. Routing the grant through Dakota SWCD helps with workflow, and keeps NCRWMO under the annual audit threshold, so audits are only needed every five years if under the threshold.
- b. **Greater Cannon through Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board** – The Board meet in early January and is taking care of many logistical items. The grant workplan for BWSR is in process and it is anticipated that the grant will be executed within a few weeks. There is approximately 1.1 million over two years to be targeted in the watershed among its 14 members. The grant may seem large but quickly gets spread thin.

6.2 2020 Annual Report

The Draft Annual Report was included in the meeting packets. This document is required by BWSR and will be distributed to members. Gallagher highlighted the projects on page two. Clarification that all of these projects use a variety of funding sources through Dakota SWCD but are located within the NCRWMO boundaries. The Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP) continues but a new wetland restoration on CSAH 86 and Highway 3 was monitored in 2020.

6.3 Highlighted Grant Activities

- a. **Wetland Restorations-** In 2020 the County completed a Stormwater Management Model (SWMM) that provided information for addressing flooding, culvert sizing and potential wetland restoration locations and more. The Cannon Watershed Plan focuses on wetland restoration in Chub Creek and the recent grant dollars allow for some outreach and implementation. A map was provided with some of the output data from SWMM Report that could be used to help locate wetland restoration opportunities. If anyone knows interested landowners, direct them to Dakota SWCD.
- b. **Irrigation Water Management-** This is another activity that will be supported by recent grant funding. Slides from a presentation by the Irrigation Specialist at the University of MN were provided in the packet. These slides were pulled from a presentation provided at Dakota County Crops Day in 2020. They show the effectiveness of an online scheduling tool, Irrigation Management Assistant (IMA) Tool, in reducing nitrate leaching events. There are water quality and quantity benefits of irrigation scheduling.
- c. **Sub-watershed Analysis (SWA)-** A SWA involves desktop analysis, field reconnaissance, and meeting with landowners, then calculations for cost-benefit ratio of projects, with a final report to summarize all the data. A map of completed, in-progress and planned SWAs for Dakota County was provided. The next two in NCRWMO will be Mud Creek and Chub Lake and Headwaters. Having prioritized lists of projects helps to secure grant funding in the future.

7. Agenda Items and Location for April 21, 2021 Meeting

8. Member Community Reports - None.

9. Adjournment - **Motion** by Dan Peine, second by Jeff Reed to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.