



North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

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MINUTES

BOARD OF MANAGERS

July 21, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Greenvale Townhall

NCRWMO Managers Present:

Sandy Weber	Castle Rock Township
Frank Wergin	Waterford Township
Wayne Peterson	Greenvale Township
Dan Peine	Hampton Township
Harlan Lichty	City of Randolph
Tony Van De Steeg	Sciota Township
Don Dinesen	Randolph Township
Nancy Sauber	Eureka Township
Jeff Reed	Douglas Township

Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher, Dakota County SWCD Staff
Jayne Hager Dee, Dakota County SWCD Board
Melissa King, Board of Water and Soil Resources
Tony Rowan, Greenvale Township
Charles Anderson, Greenvale Township
Linus Langer, Greenvale Township
Nicki Weber, Castle Rock Resident

Annual Tour: Kimber Contour Farms hosted, and Kurt Kimber talked about the perennial intermediate wheatgrass Kernza. Perennial crop systems could help reduce groundwater quality issues, such as high nitrates, as well as provide benefits to surface water quality. More information on Kernza is available through the University of Minnesota Forever Green Initiative.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Peterson (Alternate for Langer) called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Weber, second by Reed to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Audience

Vice Chair Peterson 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.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

4.2 Invoices for Payment

4.3 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

Motion by Sauber, second by Weber to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

5. New Business

5.1 Presentation on NCRWMO Watershed Plan Update Process

Melissa King, Board Conservationist for the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) gave a presentation on the Metro Watershed Plan process. There are certain requirements throughout the planning process, especially related to public engagement. The updated Watershed Plan will go to the BWSR Board for final approval and must be complete before the current Watershed Plan expires, which is August 2023.

The NCRWMO is also on the BWSR schedule for a Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP). This is a routine inventory that all LGUs must do once every 10 years. The NCRWMO has never been through a PRAP inventory. This will also help NCRWMO assess accomplishments on the current Watershed Plan, and therefore help with the Watershed Plan update.

5.2 Draft 2022 Budget

Ashley Gallagher presented the Draft 2022 Budget. Items highlighted included the increase in administrative time due to the Watershed Plan update. The consultant budget was able to remain fairly low because there is a reliance on the administrator to do many of the engagement activities. Most costs remain the same as previous years, besides an increase of \$5.00 to the SWCD hourly rate. The largest budget item is the Watershed Plan Update, with an estimated cost in the budget of \$35,000 (\$25,000 in 2022). To cover these costs the CD will be used, plus \$12,00 in Watershed Plan reserve and \$2,000 in general reserve. Member dues will also have to increase by \$5,000. However, when spread amongst the members, most dues only increase by a couple hundred dollars.

5.3 Selection of Consultant for NCRWMO Watershed Plan Update

The Board received five proposals, that members reviewed and scored. The Board narrowed it down to two proposals in discussion and then took a vote.

Motion by Peine, second by VanDeSteege to select ISG as the consultant for writing the 4th Generation Watershed Plan. Motion carried.

5.4 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report

The report was included in the meeting packet. Lindsey Albright from the SWCD office conducted the monitoring and prepared the report. Gallagher highlighted a few of the impairments and trends.

5.5 Request for Proposals for Legal Services

Every two years the WMO is required to go out for bid on services. The agreement for legal services will expire this year, therefore the NCRWMO needs to release an RFP for legal services. The RFP was provided in the meeting packet.

Motion by VanDeSteege, second by Weber to release the RFP for legal services. Motion carried.

6. Agenda Items and Location for November 17, 2021 Meeting

Eureka Township will host next meeting.

7. Member Community Reports

None.

8. Adjournment - Motion by Reed, second by Peine to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.