

# NORTH CANNON RIVER



## WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

### MINUTES

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

April 20, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
Greenvale Townhall

#### NCRWMO Managers Present:

Jeff Reed	Douglas Township
Frank Wergin	Waterford Township
Greg Langer	Greenvale Township
Dan Peine	Hampton Township
Don Dinesen	Randolph Township
Nancy Sauber	Eureka Township
Sandy Weber	Castle Rock Township

#### Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher, Dakota County SWCD Staff  
Jayne Hager Dee, Dakota County SWCD Board  
Tony Rowan, Greenvale Supervisor  
Charles Anderson, Greenvale Supervisor

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion** by Sauber, second by Wergin to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

#### 3. Audience

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.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

##### 4.1 January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Motion** by Sauber, second by Langer to approve the minutes with the two corrections as noted. Motion carried.

##### 4.2 Invoices for Payment

One additional invoice from ISG for Watershed Planning for \$2020.00 came after meeting packets were sent out. **Motion** by Peine, second by Reed to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried.

##### 4.3 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

Summaries were included in the meeting packet. There is a summary for the WBF grant from BWSR, and a summary of funds (local dues). Wergin provided updated balances based upon the approved invoices. **Motion** by Reed, second by Sauber to approve the year-end financial summaries. Motion carried.

#### 5. New Business

##### 6.1 NCRWMO Watershed Plan Update

Gallagher provided a presentation on the watershed planning process and next steps. Priority resources, issues and concerns were approved at the last NCRWMO Board meeting. The next item that the Technical Committee and Advisory Committee are working on is the Goals,

Strategies and Policies. These items will come to the Board in July for approval. There will be more emphasis on the Implementation Section of the Plan than in the previous planning efforts due to updated planning requirements and future grant funds are more tied to this section than in years past. A self-assessment is also part of the planning process. The BWSR Performance Review and Assessment Program (PRAP) completed last year helps with this. Gallagher also sent out a spreadsheet for each member to fill out that asks about local controls and relates to activities in the current Plan. There was a question about how projects specifically are prioritized. There are many studies and tools done for the watershed that could be used. One example is the Sub-Watershed Analysis (SWA) that have been done on many sub-watersheds. The SWA provides a list of projects ranked by cost/benefit. Also a comment that farmers have made many improvements over the years, and farmers sometimes feel like it is never enough and somebody is always going to want them to do more.

#### **6.2 Watershed Based Funding BWSR Grant FY 22-23 Project List**

The convene group met and agreed upon a project list for the FY22-23 grant. Workplan does not open until July but will be submitted when available. Gallagher ran through the list that was included in the meeting packet. There were no comments.

#### **6.3 Metropolitan Council Priority Waters List Information**

The list has been just lakes in the past but is now expanded to rivers as well. Within NCR Watershed Lake Byllesby and Chub Lake have been on the list and are still on the list. Most creeks were added. Met Council has provided water monitoring on Lake Byllesby and Chub Lake in the past and it has been helpful. The list is meant to provide planning guidance. There is a possibility that future comprehensive planning may require waters on the list to be addressed in the plan. There is an open comment period and members are welcome to submit comments or take the online survey.

#### **6.4 County Agricultural Chemical Reduction Effort Update**

The factsheet in the meeting packet provided a summary of progress and next steps. The County has had multiple opportunities for public input. They are currently drafting the ACRE Plan and it should be available for comment this summer. Gallagher will notify the group when it is posted for review.

#### **6.5 SWCD Programs Updates**

There is still funding available in the new harvestable covers program as well as the existing cover crops program and program for structural practices. The SWCD Board increased the cost-share percentage for structural practices from 75% to 85%. The SWCD started their tree sales program again this year and will likely continue the program next year.

#### **6. Agenda Items and Location for July 20, 2022 Tour and Meeting**

Gallagher will come up with some ideas for a tour. The township nearest the tour location will be asked to host.

#### **7. Member Community Reports**

There is a potential quarry proposed in Waterford Township. Project is still in preliminary information gathering phase, including test wells. This quarry proposal is much smaller than past proposals in Waterford. The township is interested in Chub Creek flow data.

#### **8. Adjournment - Motion** by Reed, second by Peine to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.