

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF MANAGERS

July 20, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Lake Byllesby

Annual Tour: Prior to the meeting, Josh Peterson, Dakota County, Senior Water Resources Engineer lead a tour of the Byllesby Dam. There have been upgrades to the dam and he provided an overview of the project.

NCRWMO Managers Present:

Rodney Weber	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
Erv Ulrich, Greenvale Resident
Tom Krauter, Randolph Township

1. Call to Order

Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Peine, second by Langer 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 April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

4.2 Invoices for Payment

4.3 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

Grammatical correction noted in minutes. Additional ISG invoice arrived a day prior to the meeting and was presented to the Treasurer/Board. Treasurer inquired about CD as it will be maturing in August. Money in CD has been budgeted for the Watershed Plan update and will be needed to pay invoices.

Motion by Dan Peine, second by Tony Van De Steeg to allow CD to mature and transfer to savings or checking. Motion carried.

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

5. New Business

5.1 Approve NCRWMO Watershed Plan Framework

The framework was prepared by ISG based on input from Technical and Advisory Committees. Administrator presented the document to the Board. There was a question on cover crops and how accepted and widely implemented are they. It will take more education and outreach to reach more farmers. Noted a few times that education and outreach is its own issue but it does cross over into almost all other issues. Board understands the definitions, difference between tier 1 and tier 2, and supports the framework. ISG will continue to update the plan. It is anticipated that a draft will be ready for internal review (including the Board) in September/October and will be ready for official 60-day review at the November NCRWMO Board meeting.

Motion by Nancy Sauber, second by Greg Langer to approve the framework as presented.

5.2 Approve Updated Data Practices Policy

It is a requirement to review/update the Data Practices policy every five years. There are no major changes to the policy besides noting that electronic format is acceptable. Upon approval the policy will be sent to the Minnesota Historical Society.

Motion by Greg Langer, second by Dan Peine to approve and submit the updated data practices policy. Motion carrier.

5.3 SWCD/County Grant from MDH to Review Mining Ordinances Countywide

Administrator provided an overview of the upcoming project. Townships expressed interest and do see some pressure for new mines. There are also existing mines that have historically worked well with townships. Townships do not want businesses to be targeted. Targeting business is not the intent of the project. Nothing will be required of the townships and cities but there will be an updated model ordinance that could be adopted. Many think it is a timely project and are looking forward to the results.

5.4 Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Discussion

The draft Capital Improvements section of the Watershed Plan was reviewed and used as a starting point for discussion. There was discussion on road projects and culverts. Townships typically do a road tour and report every year. These reports could be compiled to determine if there could be a water quality and/or water storage component to the project. This does seem feasible and a possible strategy for CIP in the updated Watershed Plan.

6. Agenda Items and Location for November 16, 2022 Tour and Meeting

Castle Rock Township volunteered to host the meeting.

7. Member Community Reports

MPCA was out doing fish survey on Chub Creek. They stated they found 22 species of fish.

Update that the County ACRE Plan is out for a 45-day public comment period. Staff will be visiting all townships to provide and update. Draft is posted online, and comments can be submitted at any time.

8. Adjournment - Motion by Peine, second by Wergin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.