

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF MANAGERS

February 1, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Eureka Townhall

NCRWMO Managers Present:

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

Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher, Dakota County SWCD Staff
Paul Marston, ISG
Don Dineson, Randolph Twshp (Virtual-Nonvoting)

1. Public Hearing

Weber opened the Public Hearing for comments on the 60-Day Draft Watershed Plan. No one in the audience came forward.

Motion by Reed, second by Sauber to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

2. Call to Order

Administrator Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sauber, second by Peine to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Election of Officers

Open nominations for Chair. Nomination for Sandy Weber. **Motion** by Reed, second by Sauber to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sandy Weber for Chair. Motion carried.

Open nominations for Vice Chair. Nomination for Greg Langer. **Motion** by Sauber, second by Wergin to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Greg Langer for Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Open nominations for Treasurer/Secretary. Nomination for Frank Wergin. **Motion** by Langer, second by Sauber to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Frank Wergin for Treasurer/Secretary. Motion carried.

5. 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.

6. Consent Agenda

Administrator commented that grant balance is negative, this is correct as BWSR grants need to be spent before the money can be released on a 50%-40%-10% schedule.

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

7. New Business

7.1 NCRWMO Watershed Plan Update

7.1.1 Response to comments received during 60-day

During the 60-day agency review, comment letters were received from MN Department of Natural Resources, MN Department of Transportation, MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources, and Metropolitan Council. NCRWMO is required to respond to comments. Response to comments were emailed to agencies, posted online, and provided in the meeting packet. Many comments were clarified in a meeting with BWSR. There have been three different Board Conservationists involved during the writing of the Plan due to staff transitions. Highlights of some of the comments and revisions to the Plan were made. The priority ranking was simplified to just be the subwatersheds where projects will be focused. This addressed comments in a few of the letters. The other revision worth noting was for the Implementation Table. The table was simplified to make it clearer as to when the activities are occurring and where. There were a number of comments from BWSR related to MN Rule 8410. Plan has been reviewed and will be reviewed again for ensuring the Rule is met. There was a question on a BWSR comment about Local Water Plans “to be adopted not more than two years before the local comprehensive plan is due.” Administrator will reach out to BWSR and Metropolitan Council to clarify this timeline. Members do not want to get stuck in an unrealistic timeline.

7.1.2 Approval to revise the Plan and submit for 90-day BWSR review

Revisions have been made to the Plan based on comments. Plan will be reviewed again for final edits and formatting. Next step is to submit to BWSR for 90-day review. BWSR has stated they can likely review before the end of the 90-days. The 90-day timeline would bring us into May, however the goal is to have the Plan presented at the April 6th BWSR Regional Committee. After the Regional Committee it goes to the full BWSR Board. The BWSR approved Plan could then be adopted by the NCRWMO Board at their July meeting. The current Plan expires in August.

Motion by Reed, second by Sauber to approve revisions to the Plan and submit for 90-day BWSR review. Motion carried.

7.2 Overview of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process

At the last NCRWMO meeting the Board had asked for more information on the Waterford quarry proposal. Waterford recently had a meeting where their consultant presented the EIS process. That handout was included in the meeting packet. The process is slow and there will be time for commenting. Administrator will keep tabs on the project. The NCRWMO Board could choose to comment in the future. However, NCRWMO does not have any regulatory oversight on the project.

7.3 Adopt Data Practices Policies

Data Practices Policies were noted as an item to address during the BWSR Performance Review and Assessment Program (PRAP). Legal counsel drafted the three policies: a right to see policy, requesting data about yourself, and ensuring security of not public data. These were drafted from standard templates. Typo noted on page 4. NCRWMO doesn't have much data since they do not have a cost-share program. Policies also protect NCRWMO so that if an organization requests data, they can be required to pay for copies or come to the office, so administrative time is not a burden.

Motion by Wergin, second by Langer to adopt the Data Practices Policies. Motion carried.

7.4 Approve 2022 Annual Report

It is a requirement to complete an Annual Report. Upon approval the report will be sent to BWSR and NCRWMO members for them to post for the public.

Motion by Reed second by Sauber to approve the 2022 Annual Report. Motion carried.

8. Agenda Items and Location for April 12, 2023 Meeting

Floodplains/shoreland presentation from Dee McDaniels is scheduled.

9. Member Community Reports

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