

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF MANAGERS

July 19, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Sciota Townhall

NCRWMO Managers Present:

Frank Wergin	Waterford Township
Wayne Peterson	Greenvale Township
Dan Peine	Hampton Township
Tom Krauter	Randolph Township
Sandy Weber	Castle Rock Township
Tony Van De Steeg	Sciota Township

Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher, Dakota County SWCD Staff
Dee McDaniels, Dakota County Staff
Greg Langer, Greenvale Twp Resident
Charles Anderson, Greenvale Twp Board
Tom Wirtzfeld, Greenvale Twp Alternate

Annual Tour: The annual tour was held at 6:00 pm at a shallow monitoring well that is part of the Dakota County network for monitoring progress on the Agricultural Chemical Reduction Plan (ACRE). Matthew Belanger from Dakota County provided information and a demonstration of well monitoring.

1. Call to Order

Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Peterson, second by Peine 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. Langer and Peterson expressed interest in speaking.

Langer reported that he has dutifully filled his role as representative to NCRWMO for Greenvale Township. The Township reorganized assignments and Langer is no longer the NCRWMO representative. Langer thanked the group for the many years of service and stated he plans to continue to be involved as a citizen of the watershed. Langer had served as the Vice Chair, therefore a new Vice Chair will need to be appointed.

Peterson thanked Langer for his service. Peterson announced that he used to serve as the alternate and is now the primary representative from Greenvale to NCRWMO. The alternate is now Tom Wirtzfeld.

Motion by Peine, second by Wergin to appoint Wayne Peterson to Vice Chair. Motion carried

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

4.2 Invoices for Payment

4.3 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

Motion by Wergin, second by Van De Steeg to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

5. New Business

5.1 Presentation on Floodplain and Shoreland in Dakota County

Dee McDaniels, Dakota County staff that works with the shoreland and floodplain programs, provided an overview of programs in Ordinance 50. There are four permit types related to Ordinance 50; land use, shoreland/floodplain alteration, septic system and drainage. County participates in FEMA programs so that residents are eligible to apply for flood insurance. County is also working on modeling more A zones. Townships are encouraged to reach out to Dee if there are questions.

5.2 Adopt NCRWMO 4th Generation Watershed Management Plan

Administrator Gallagher presented the Watershed Management Plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources committee in early April, and the full BWSR Board approved the Plan on April 26, 2023. The resolution for NCRWMO Board of Managers to adopt the Plan was included in the meeting packet. This is the last step, and upon adoption the Administrator will distribute to NCRWMO members, partners and neighbors.

Motion by Van De Steeg, second by Wergin to adopt by resolution the 4th Generation Watershed Management Plan. Motion carried.

5.3 Update on Model Mining Ordinance Project

An email was sent to all Local Governments in Dakota County notifying them that the model mining ordinance is now available. It is posted on the Dakota County and Dakota SWCD websites. Communities are encouraged to review and either make it their own or review in comparison to their existing ordinance. There is no requirement to adopt the model ordinance.

5.4 Review Water Quality Monitoring Report of 2022

Administrator provided an overview of the report that was provided in the meeting packet. There were no comments or edits made. Report will be posted online.

6. Agenda Items and Location for November 15, 2023 Meeting

Castle Rock Township can host the meeting. Potential topics from Administrator include irrigation update, budget, workplan, and Trout Brook habitat projects.

7. Member Community Reports

Waterford quarry proposal- Review process includes an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) which due to the proposed size of the area will lead to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There are concerns with dewatering and where that water will be sent. Discussion on NCRWMO's involvement. Administrator can provide the EAW to the Board and if comments back warrant a meeting, a special meeting could be held to meet timelines.

News article on groundwater- Weber mentioned a recent news article about groundwater removal on our planet affecting the way it rotates and is shifting the axis.

8. Adjournment - Motion by Peine, second by Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.