

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF MANAGERS

April 17, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Castle Rock Townhall

NCRWMO Managers Present:

Jeff Reed	Douglas Township
Frank Wergin	Waterford Township
Wayne Peterson	Greenvale Township
Dan Peine	Hampton Township
Heather Mavencamp	Castle Rock Township
Todd Carlock	City of Randolph
Tom Krauter	Randolph Township

Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher, Dakota County SWCD Staff
Jayne Hager Dee, Dakota County SWCD Board
Greg Langer, Greenvale Resident
Tom Wirtzfeld, Greenvale Resident
Sandy Weber, Castle Rock Resident
Alan Kraus, Clean River Partners

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Election of Chair

Vice Chair Peterson thanked Weber for her time on the Board. He opened nominations for Chair. Peine nominated Jeff Reed. Peterson called for any other nominations, hearing none, nominations were closed.

Motion by Peine, second by Wergin to cast a white ballot for Jeff Reed for Chair. Motion carried.

4. Audience

Chair asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Board on an item that is not on the agenda. No comments were made.

5. Consent Agenda

No discussion on consent.

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

6. New Business

6.1 Presentation on Soil Health

Gallagher provided a presentation on Soil Health, what practices improve soil health, and how to track improvements. The Soil and Water Conservation District Soil Health Program has approximately three-times the amount of funding requests as there is funding available. SWCD Supervisor Dee commented on the success and willingness of farmers, also that more funding will be coming. If interested, it is always good to reach out to the SWCD. There was a question about where projects are located. There is an SWCD projects map online where anyone can

explore what has been implemented in the county. There are also many federally funded projects but that information is not in the map as it is considered private data when using federal funds.

6.2 Information on the CRWJPB Annual Report

Administrator provided an overview of the report, no action needed, information only. There is an online project map for CRWJPO projects.

6.3 Appoint Representative to the CRWJPB

Weber and Administrator provided an overview of the Board, meeting schedule, and responsibilities. Reed is willing to serve as the NCRWMO representative to the CRWJPB.

Motion by Peine, second by Peterson to appoint Reed as the NCRWMO representative to the CRWJPB. Motion carried.

6.4 Information on Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP)

NCRWMO has sponsored the monitoring of two wetlands for many years. It is a great opportunity for volunteers to learn about the watershed, and the WMO gets data on the quality of wetlands. The WHEP program is currently looking for volunteers. Registration is online through Dakota County.

6.5 Waterford Quarry Proposal Timeline Review

The NCRWMO Board previously supported tracking the environmental review process and potentially submitting comments. There are no upcoming comment periods. There have been meetings, both township meetings and citizen group meetings. Weber provided updates on the citizen group, and people can reach out to her for signs. Wergin provided updates on the meetings held recently at the Northfield Ballroom. While Waterford has a current moratorium on mining, Bryan Rock has applied for an Interim Use Permit. There was discussion on dewatering and Chub Creek flows. There is a USGS station that monitors levels, which can then be converted to flows with USGS rating curve.

7. Agenda Items and Location for July 17, 2024 Tour and Meeting

Administrator will coordinate a tour and meeting location. Have not been to Hampton or Douglas lately, and both have new townhalls.

8. Member Community Reports

Hampton will have an open house for their new townhall before their next regular meeting.

Work continues in Randolph on the sanitary sewer project. Funding is from state, and county covering highway 88 portion. Will be 2026 before hookups even begin. Treatment ponds will be north of town.

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