

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF MANAGERS

July 17, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Hampton 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
Melanie Storlie	Eureka Township
Jill Trescott	Sciota Township

Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher, Dakota County SWCD Staff
Sandy Weber, Castle Rock Resident
Greg Langer, Greenvale Resident
Tom Wirtzfeld, Greenvale Resident
Brett Stadler, Waterford Township
Anne Sawyer, Board of Water & Soil Resources

Annual Tour: Tour was held prior to the meeting at 6:00. Lindsey Albright, SWCD Staff, provided an overview of water monitoring tasks and equipment at the Chub Creek monitoring site.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **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.

4. **Consent Agenda**

No discussion on consent.

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

5. **New Business**

5.1 **2023 Water Monitoring Report**

The report was included in the meeting packets. Administrator walked through the different pages of data for each sub-watershed. Report will be posted online with previous years reports. Members are welcome to share with their boards and citizens.

5.2 **Cannon River Watershed Flooding Discussion**

Extensive flooding has occurred in recent weeks across the entire Cannon River Watershed. The upper portions of the watershed, including Waterville, saw severe flooding. There were high water levels in Dakota County as well. There is some attention to dams with the failing of the dam on the Blue Earth River. Dakota County has invested in Byllesby Dam, the emergency spillway is in good condition and the dam receives good scores from FERC. Local issues with flooding and

washouts have occurred, but not at a very large scale. Sciota Trail was under water and has been in other flooding events, the township is looking at changing the elevation of the road. Waterford had to temporarily close some roads and the Cannon River was 6 inches below the old iron bridge. Greenvale had completed culvert work last year that worked well and prevented flooding during recent events. Townships were reminded to submit damages when emails are sent out as this helps the county reach certain thresholds for emergency assistance funding.

5.3 Waterford Quarry Proposal Update

There has not been any movement on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) timeline. Waterford Township has moratorium that must be done by October, so they are working with their legal advisor to meet all requirements. The citizen's group has hired a lawyer. There are concerns in the community about dewatering. Bryan Rock Products has purchased land surrounding the proposed quarry, some within Sciota Township but no additional mining applications have been submitted. NCRWMO will continue to track the EIS process and submit comments as they see fit.

6. Agenda Items and Location for November 20, 2024 Meeting

Douglas Township volunteered to host at their new town hall.

7. Member Community Reports

Discussion on data centers and their impacts on communities. There are many applications for data centers in the county, however most are in the Vermillion River Watershed. Township Officers meeting would be an appropriate place for discussion on data centers and how communities can prepare.

8. Adjournment - Motion by Wergin, second by Trescott to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved by Board
on 11/20/24