

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF MANAGERS
Wednesday, January 15, 2024

Meeting 7:00 pm
Hampton Townhall
5450 260th St E
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

1. Call to Order

* Indicates that support materials are included within the packet

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Audience

Anyone in the audience wishing to address the Board regarding an item that is not on the agenda may come forward at this time.

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1 November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes*
- 4.2 Invoices for Payment*
- 4.3 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

5. Presentation

- 5.1 MPCA Cannon River Watershed Water Quality Assessment Update (Kristen Dieterman)


6. New Business

- 6.1 Assignment of Duties*
- 6.2 Outreach, Communication Strategies for reaching farmers and landowners*
- 6.3 Outreach, Soil Health Finance Event (Randolph)*
- 6.4 Invitation, County Parks (Miesville Open House)*
- 6.5 Watershed Plan Implementation Tracking, In Progress*
- 6.6 Waterford Quarry Proposal Update

7. Member Community Reports

8. Agenda Items and Location for April 16, 2025 Meeting

9. Adjournment



Serving the Communities of: Castle Rock Township, Douglas Township, Eureka Township, Greenvale Township, Hampton Township, Randolph Township, Sciota Township, Waterford Township, City of Miesville, City of New Trier, and the City of Randolph



1. Call to Order

Chair Jeff Reed called meeting to order at 7:04pm, with the following Roll Call:

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	VOTING MANAGER
Douglas Township	X		Chair, Jeff Reed
Greenvale Township	X		Vice Chair, Wayne Peterson
Waterford Township	X		Secretary/Treasurer, Frank Wergin
Eureka Township	X		Brian Storlie
Hampton Township	X		Dan Peine
City of Randolph	X		Todd Carlock
Randolph Township	X		Tom Krauter
City of Miesville		X	
City of New Trier		X	
Sciota Township		X	
Castle Rock Township		X	
	7	4	Quorum is 6 of 11 Members

Others Present: NCRWMO Administrator Victoria Ranua, Gregory Langer (Greenvale resident), Tom Wirtzfeld (Greenvale Alternate)

2. Audience

No members of the public came to address the board.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Wergin to approve the agenda. Second by Peine. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of July 17, 2024 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. Year-to-Date Financial Summary

A motion by Peterson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Carlock. Motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business

5.1 Introductions

New NCRWMO Administrator Victoria Ranua introduced herself and her background in land management, agriculture, and government administration.

5.2 Bank Signatory Update

A motion by Wergin to remove Tony Van De Steeg and Sandra Weber as signers on the North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization bank accounts. Second by Krauter. Motion carried unanimously.

5.3 Infested Waters Update, Cannon River from Lake Byllesby to Mississippi River for zebra mussels

Administrator Ranua informed the board that the Cannon River downstream of Lake Byllesby to the Mississippi River has been listed by the DNR as water infested with zebra mussels. There was a question as to whether Lake Byllesby was already listed or not as having zebra mussels present.

5.4 2025 Finances

A motion by Peine to approve the Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) projects to submit to the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BSWR) as presented, bringing in \$395,361 for projects benefitting the North Cannon River Watershed. Second by Wergin. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Wergin to approve the proposed 2025 NCRWMO/SWCD Workplan and Budget of \$39,733 and authorize the Chair to execute a Joint Power Agreement with the Dakota SWCD for the proposed work plan. Second by Carlock. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Krauter to adopt the WMO 2025 Budget of \$47,033. Second by Wergin. Motion carried unanimously.

5.5 Waterford Quarry Proposal Update

Secretary/Treasurer Wergin gave a limited update on the Bryan Rock Quarry proposal. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project is still in development with no clear deadline for completion. The township will be hosting a public information meeting soon presenting some of the information they already have on the project that they can share, in advance of the EIS release.

6. Member Community Reports

City of Randolph: Manager Carlock gave an update on the County 83 reconstruction project.

Cannon River Joint Powers Organization: Chair Reed gave an update on a successful project tour in Goodhue County. He indicated that cover crop adoption in other parts of the Cannon River Watershed, appear to be higher than in the North Cannon River.

7. Agenda items and location for January 15, 2025 Meeting

Hampton Township will host the January meeting.

8. Adjournment

A motion by Peine to adjourn meeting. Second by Wergin. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Victoria Ranua
Administrator

Certified by:

Approved by Board on:
January X, 2025

Frank Wergin
Secretary

Invoice



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Faribault MN 55021

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Date	Invoice #
1/2/2025	65

Bill To

North Cannon River WMO
attn: Ashley Gallagher
4100 220th Street West
Farmington MN 55024

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
CRWJPO Member Dues for 2025 for Tier 4 - \$375.00	1	375.00	375.00

Total	\$375.00
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BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE:	January 15, 2024
AGENDA ITEM:	6.1
AGENDA ITEM:	Assignment of Duties

BACKGROUND:

The Board's Annual Requirement from the JPA are:

Section IV Board of Managers. Subdivision 7. Board. At the first or second meeting of the year the WMO shall elect from its Managers a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary to conduct its meetings and affairs. All officers shall hold office for terms of one year and until their successors have been elected by the Board. An officer may be reelected to the same office for unlimited terms.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Make a motion to appoint X as Chairperson, X as Vice-Chair, X Treasurer, X Secretary.

BUDGET IMPACT: None.

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE:	January 15, 2024
AGENDA ITEM:	6.2
AGENDA ITEM:	Outreach, Communication Strategies for reaching farmers and landowners

BACKGROUND:

At our last meeting, there was a discussion about the challenge of ensuring that information reaches farmers, particularly with the greater use of electronic communications. Specifically, it was noted that Dakota SWCD now sends out a monthly e-newsletter, which may not be accessible to all farmers. Dakota County itself still retains some physical mailings, including their Healthy Rural Living guide, which includes links to agricultural conservation incentive programs from the SWCD and USDA-NRCS, as well as U of M Extension agricultural training opportunities.

If the WMO wishes to expand its outreach to landowners or farmers through physical mailings, there are funds available in the Advocacy and Outreach portion of the budget to finance additional efforts. Currently, the WMO serves 4,103 parcels with 2,222 unique landowners. A single regular sized postcard without bulk mailing rate is \$0.56. A postcard mailing would cost around \$1,250.

In addition to the discussion around outreach strategies, we could alter how we meet our regulatory requirements communication efforts to support outreach via mailing. The WMO must comply with Minnesota's reporting and communication rules, which include sending at least one newsletter or other written communication each year. We are currently meeting this obligation through posting the annual report to our website.

Relevant Requirements:

Annual Communication Requirement

Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.227, Subd. 4 requires that a watershed management organization must distribute at least one newsletter or other appropriate written communication annually to its residents. This communication must explain the organization's water management programs and provide contact details for officers.

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Annual Activity Report Requirements

According to Minnesota Rule 8410.0150, Subpart 3 (G), the WMO must include a copy of this annual communication in its activity report.

Next Steps for Board Consideration:

Determine Content: Consider the type of information that should be included in a physical mailing. Potential topics could include updates on results of water quality monitoring, agricultural conservation incentives, upcoming training opportunities and field days, highlighting farmers using conservation practices and other relevant outreach for landowners and farmers.

Delivery Method: Considering that not all landowners may be reached through digital channels, we need to decide whether to proceed with physical mailings or explore other options, such as combining email newsletters with physical mailings for those who prefer paper communication.

Budget Allocation: If the board decides to proceed with physical mailings, we can allocate funds from the Advocacy and Outreach (\$2,500) budget to cover the costs.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None.

BUDGET IMPACT: None.

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE:	January 15, 2024
AGENDA ITEM:	6.3
AGENDA ITEM:	Outreach, Soil Health Finance Workshop

BACKGROUND:

What: Soil Health Finance Workshop: Return on Investment with Soil Health Practices.

When: Thursday, February 27th 9AM – 1PM

Where: Randolph (Otte Enterprises)

Topic: economic considerations, benefits and return on investment for incorporating soil health practices into farming operations

Speakers: farmer-led panel along with local agronomists and ag lenders, updates from SWCD, NRCS, MAWQCP, and Dakota County groundwater team

Food provided, Registration preferred (registration info not yet available)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None.

BUDGET IMPACT: None.

From: Xiao, Yao <Yao.Xiao@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 11:10 AM

Cc: Biedny, Jay <Jay.Biedny@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Geisler, Niki <Niki.Geisler@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Subject: Dakota County Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Site Improvement Open House

Dear all,

I am delighted to share that Dakota County is starting a site improvement project in Miesville Ravine Park Reserve. This project will begin the implementation of the recently completed Master Plan which you offered comment on. We are again looking for your input. Please see the most updated project information on the website. (<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/CurrentProjects/Pages/miesville-site-improvement.aspx>). We are going to hold an open house in February 2025 and would like you to attend if possible. Here are the details:.

When: Feb 6, 2025, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

Where: Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran Churches, 10960 280th St, Cannon Falls, MN 55009

We are looking forward to seeing you at the open house. So that we can accommodate everyone interested, please RSVP by emailing yao.xiao@co.dakota.mn.us by noon on Jan 23. Should you have any questions beforehand, please feel free to contact me at that same address. If you cannot attend this meeting, opportunity to give input will be available via the website above for two weeks after the meeting.

Yao Xiao

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE:	January 15, 2025
AGENDA ITEM:	6.5
AGENDA ITEM:	Watershed Plan Implementation Tracking, In Progress

BACKGROUND: This is the first full Biennium (2023-2024) review of the 10-year Watershed Plan. Here is the preliminary data:

Action	2023-2024		10 Year Goal	Status
	Budget	Actual		
Cover Crops (acres)	1,160	1,815	5,000	Significant Progress Made
Conservation Tillage	100	486	2,000	Significant Progress Made
Irrigation Water Management (acres)	114	157	2,000	Significant Progress Made
Perennial Crops (acres)	0	25	1,000	Significant Progress Made
Grassed Waterways (ft)	3,600	2,630	15,000	Need to Increase Efforts
Conservation Crop Rotation (acres)	400	0	1,920	Need to Increase Efforts
Saturated Buffer Projects (acres)	100	0	1,310	Need to Increase Efforts
Filter Strips (ft)	240	0	1,000	Need to Increase Efforts
Stream and Shoreline Restoration	100	0	400	Need to Increase Efforts
WASCOB Basins	20	9	81	Need to Increase Efforts
Wetland restoration (acre)	0	0	60	In Progress
Native Prairie (acres)	11	7.4	50	Need to Increase Efforts
Critical Planting Area (acres)	5	0	25	Need to Increase Efforts
Stormwater Runoff Control	2	0	10	Need to Increase Efforts
Grade Stabilizations	2	0	10	Need to Increase Efforts
Nutrient Management Plans	0	0	10	Need to Increase Efforts
Manure Management Plans	0	0	5	Need to Increase Efforts
Alternative Side Inlet (projects)	0	0	5	Need to Increase Efforts
Variable Rate Irrigation Projects	0	0	5	Need to Increase Efforts
Controlled Tile Drainage Projects	0	0	2	Current effort sufficient
Adaptive Lake Management Plan	0	0	1	In Progress
Bioreactor	0	0	1	Current effort sufficient
Stream Habitat Projects	0	0	1	Need to Increase Efforts
Perched Culvert replacement for fish	0	0	1	Need to Increase Efforts

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The actions and goals in the watershed plan are organized and reported at the sub-watershed level rather than by individual townships or cities. However, since you appoint members at the township and city levels, I feel it's important to recognize success at that scale as well. Keep up the work in implementing conservation practices on your own farm, as well as encouraging your neighbors, friends, and family to do the same.

Action	2023-2024		10 Year Goal	Status
	Budget	Actual		
Cover Crops (acres)	1,160	1,815	5,000	Significant Progress Made
		Douglas	985	
		Castle Rock	266	
		Greenvale	210	
		Hampton	190	
		Sciota	99	
		Waterford	65	

Action	2023-2024		10 Year Goal	Status
	Budget	Actual		
Conservation Tillage (acres)	100	486	2,000	Significant Progress Made
		Castle Rock	211	
		Greenvale	210	
		Waterford	65	

Action	2023-2024		10 Year Goal	Status
	Budget	Actual		
Irrigation Water Management (acres)	114	157	2,000	Significant Progress Made
		Castle Rock	136	
		Sciota	21	

Action	2023-2024		10 Year Goal	Status
	Budget	Actual		
Perennial Cover (acres)	0	25	1,000	Significant Progress Made
		Greenvale	25	

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None. Informational Only

BUDGET IMPACT: Hopefully lower long-term investment in maintaining water quality.