

**Chippewa River Watershed Association
Joint Powers Board (JPB)
Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 20th, 2025
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am
Location: Pope County Courthouse
Note Taker: Katie Disrud

Attendees

Name	Organization	Attended	Name	Organization	Attended
Katie Disrud	CRWA	x			
Holly Kovarik	Pope SWCD	x			
Ron Staples			Debbi Anderson		
Larry Mahoney	Swift County	x	Orvin Gronseth		
Paul Gerde	Pope County	x	Keith Nygaard		
Robert Lahman			Wayne Rotz		
Dale Anderson		X	Donnel Williamson		
Ken Johnson	Grant County	X	Larry Stephens		
Jeff Way		X	Rod Froemming		
Matt Gilbertson			Calin Eisenlohr		
Mark Weimerskirch	Swift SWCD	x			
Randy Mitteness	Pope SWCD	X	Jason Weinerman	BWSR	x
Rod Wenstrom			Wayne Rotz	Ottertail SWCD	X
Darin Hanson			Denis Feuchtenberger		X
Steve Freidlein	Kandiyohi SWCD	x			
John Ledermann		x			
Michelle Overhosler					

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Agenda Item
<p>Welcome & Introduction</p> <p>Ken Johnson called the meeting at 9:00. Introductions were made and Katie gave an introduction and her background for the group.</p>
<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Paul Gerde moved to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Larry Mahoney. The agenda was approved with all in favor.</p>
<p>Approval of previous meeting minutes</p> <p>a) April 18th, 2025</p> <p>The minutes for the meeting on April 18th, 2025, was motioned to be approved by Jeff Way. The motion was seconded by Dale Anderson. All were in favor.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p> <p>a) Audit</p> <p>Kovarik gave an update on the audit as it is nearly complete. The group reviewed the attached documents for the audit. Randy Mitteness moved to approve the audit; the motion was seconded by Mark Weimerskirch. Motion passed with all in favor.</p> <p>b) expenditures Pope & Swift Technical Engineering</p> <p>Kovarik gave update that both Swift and Pope counties submitted for technical and engineering expenditures. Pope submitted for \$25,360.04. Swift submitted \$717.64 Jeff Way moved to approve these payments; the motion was seconded by Dale Anderson. Motion passed with all in favor.</p> <p>c) Treasurers Report</p> <p>The treasurers report was given. Kovarik notified the board members of the decrease in interest rate went from 4% TO 3.75% and is promised to hold at that interest rate for the next 3 months. The treasurer's report was motioned to be approved by Paul Gerde. The motion was seconded by Randy Mitteness. Motion passed with all in favor.</p> <p>d) Appropriations</p>
<p>Old Business</p> <p>a) Dashboard update</p> <p>A public dashboard is built and waiting on partnership members to enter data to MS4Front for further testing. Once data is in the system the public will have access to view the dashboards. It was clarified that the entry of data is the partnerships responsibility – not the coordinators role.</p> <p>b) Project Updates</p>

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New Business

a) TAC meeting updates

Disrud gave update on the TAC meeting. Swift is hosting a large family-oriented soil health event, TAC approved a budget of up to \$10,000 for this event. Partners were asked to participate if they wish. Quarterly reimbursement payments have been shared with partnership. The TAC approved of on submitting time tracking using BWSR Direct Time Tracking methods. Annual meeting proposal was given, TAC made decision to move forward hosting an annual meeting every other year, with a watershed wide tour on the opposing years. CRP Incentive process has been created, Disrud continues working on other documentation flyers.

1.) Coordinators report

Katie states that she is reading and understanding the Chippewa plan and shares she has been working on annual meeting planning, outreach strategy plan and documents for the Chippewa Watershed. The TAC approved a budget of \$11,400 total to allow Disrud to continue planning the annual meeting, allow for marketing tools and apparel.

The JPB suggest that Katie tag along partners to commissioner meetings once a year to share watershed information. This builds a connection with the commissioners and hopes to keep any funding opportunities open.

Disrud shared part of the communication and outreach plan is 1–2-page fact sheets on successful projects. She had several naming options and was asked to bring these with an example back to the next JPB meeting. The current options are "Watershed Wins", "Mapped Milestones" "Project in Focus". Chippewa's Annual meeting is being planned – it will be held August 19th 5:30 – 8 at the Starbuck Community Center. The drafted flyer and agenda were shared with the group. Comments on the agenda were to not include time on the agenda to allow for flexibility. The end breakout sessions seemed to be favored by the JPB group, leaning towards these breakouts happening by priority goals of the plan.

Wraps Update

Paul Wymer shared a detailed WRAPS presentation. This presentation shared the details of water quality historically in the Chippewa and watching the data trends to current time.

Next Meeting Topics:

- a) July meeting will be canceled. Next meeting is August 18th at 9:00AM.
- b) Project fact sheet review

Open Discussion/Agency Updates

Closing

The meeting was Adjourned by Ken Johnson at 10:50 AM

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A Look Ahead:

June:

-6/12 – TAC Meeting – Annual Event Proposal

July:

- 7/10 – TAC meeting

August:

- 8/14 TAC Meeting –

- 8/19 Chippewa Watershed Gathering 5:30 PM

September:

- 9/11 TAC Meeting - Begin FY26 Workplan & Policy

October:

- 10/9 TAC Meeting

November:

-11/13 TAC Meeting

December:

-11/11 TAC Meeting

January:

February:

March:

April:

- Can submit FY26 WBIF Workplan (?)