

CHIPPEWA RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Joint Powers Board Meeting– February 21, 2025

Community Room 1st Floor

Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. to 11 :00 a.m.

Attendance: Rod Wenstrom, Larry Mahoney, Ron Staples, Steve Freidlein, Robert Lahman, Debbie Anderson, Matt Gilbertson, Mark Weimerskirch, Ken Johnson, Randy Mitteness, Holly Kovarik, and John Ledermann

Agenda Item	Who	Action	Time
1. Welcome & Introductions- Chair Staples called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	Commissioner Ron Staples	-	5 min
2. Approval of Agenda- Rod Wenstrom made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as prepared. Matt Gilbertson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.	Commissioner Ron Staples	Decision	5 min
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes a. January 17, 2025- Larry Mahoney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Robert Lahman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.	Commissioner Ron Staples	Decision	
4. Financial Report-Kovarik reviewed the treasurer report and one payment with the board members. Randy Mitteness made a motion to approve the report and payment and Matt Gilbertson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. a. January Treasurer Report b. American Solutions for Business Check \$229.92	Commissioner Ron Staples	Decision	10 min
5. Old Business a. Projects set threshold-demo of MS4Front-Kovarik provided a demonstration how the first ranking and entering of projects worked in MS4Front. She discussed with the JPB members the threshold suggested by the TAC for approval of projects 40 out of the maximum total of 65 points. This threshold can be changed in the future but for now the TAC was suggesting this as a good starting threshold number with the number of projects that we currently have awaiting funding. Ken Johnson made a motion to approve the threshold of 40 out of 65 points to approve projects for encumbrance of funding for implementation. This will be added to the cost share policy for the TAC members to use in ranking and scoring projects. Larry Mahoney seconded the	All	FYI/Decision	60 min

<p>motion. The motion passed with all in favor.</p> <p>b. CRP Cost Share Policy-The JPB members discussed the TAC suggested CRP Cost Share Policy which was included in the board packet. The TAC is recommending approval so we are ready when our agreement is available with BWSR. Paul Gerde made a motion to approve the CRP Cost Share Policy as prepared and Mark Weimerskirch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.</p> <p>c. Coordinator Job Notice-Kovarik shared that the position notice has been distributed. She shared that we had 3 applicants so far and the position will close on March 21, 2025. The group discussed when we might have the new person starting. Kovarik shared that maybe in April. She shared the process to onboard the new employee and getting the individual on the computer system. She shared that she cannot order a computer until an offer has been made and accepted. She does have a temporary plan for a computer until the computer for the new employee arrives.</p> <p>d. Goals Discussion MS4Front-Kovarik shared an update with the JPB on the goals exercise that the TAC is working through. This will inform MS4Front which goals will track which practices implemented. The group did not finish this exercise and it will be continued at the next meeting in March.</p>			
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>a. TAC meeting updates-see above</p> <p>b. Kovarik shared that Paul Wymar would be giving an update to the TAC in March. It was discussed that the JPB would like this information sometime this spring as well. It was discussed to try for the April JPB meeting.</p> <p>c. March meeting cancel-Kovarik shared that at this time there does not look like there will be much business for the JPB in March. The group by general consensus agreed to cancel the March meeting.</p>	All	FYI	10 min
7. Next Meeting Topics:			5 min
<p>8. Open Discussion/Agency Updates-There was discussion about a Pomme de Terre dam project. There was also a brief mention of the Swift Falls dam project. Kovarik mentioned she had been approached about this project and all initial steps start with their local LGU office.</p>	All	Discuss	
<p>9. Closing-Commissioner Staples adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.</p>	Commissioner Ron Staples		