

CHIPPEWA RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Joint Powers Board Meeting– September 20, 2024

Commissioners Room Pope County Courthouse

Minutes 3rd Floor 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Holly Kovarik, Jason Weinerman, Keith Englund, Larry Mahoney, Dale Anderson, Randy Mitteness, Ken Johnson, Steve Friedlein, Rod Wenstrom, Robert Lahman, Ron Staples, Paul Gerde, Mark Weimerskirch, Dennis Fuechtenberger, and Matt Gilbertson

Agenda Item	Who	Action	Time
1. Welcome & Introductions- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Staples at 9:01 a.m.	Ron Staples Chair	-	5 min
2. Approve Agenda- A motion was made to approve the agenda by Commissioner Gerde and it was seconded by Commissioner Englund. The motion passed with all in favor.	Ron Staples Chair	Approval	
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes- A motion was made by Commissioner Mahoney and it was seconded by Commissioner Lahman. The motion passed with all in favor.	Ron Staples Chair	Approval	5 min
4. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Status of Plan-Kovarik and Weinerman gave an update to the board members on the status of the plan. The plan was approved by BWSR and all resolutions to adopt the plan have been received and were submitted to BWSR.ii. Updates on budget WBIF-Kovarik shared the status of the budget and workplan. She went over the budget again as outlined in the minutes. She shared that the TAC reviewed the budget again. It was an oversight originally that the engineering was not accounted for. This mistake was found during last months JPB meeting and to be fully transparent she brought the revision to both groups again. Kovarik pointed out that this reduces the Ag Practices budget line by about \$300,000. The minutes from last month correctly reflect the budget. Weinerman shared that amendments can be requested to shift between the categories as needed. There was no further action needed by the board at this time on this item.	Ron Staples Chair	FYI	30 min

iii.	<p>Discussion Review of Agreements with legal counsel-Kovarik shared with the members that the Pope County Attorney has indicated that it would be a conflict of interest for their office to review or create any agreements for the Chippewa Joint Powers Entity. Due to this conflict of interest Kovarik did visit with Chairman Staples and did solicit a bid from Rinke Noonan Law Firm. She did visit with John Kolb and shared the current JPA, Fiscal and Coordination Agreement, cost share policy, and draft partnership agreement. He provided an estimate of 4-8 hours and \$1,700-\$4,000 to create/review the sub agreement. Lehman made a motion to approve the budget from the general fund and Englund seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.</p>			
5.	New Business-None	Kovarik/All	FYI	5 min
6.	<p>Financial Reports-Kovarik shared that there was one expenditure \$3,500 to Peterson Company that was approved last month. The current balance in the account is \$145,110.41 based on the August bank statement. Randy Mitteness made a motion to approve the report and financial information as prepared and Paul Gerde seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.</p> <p>a. August Treasurer Report b. Payments</p>	Kovarik/All	Decision	10 min
7.	<p>Next Meeting Potential Topics-Kovarik shared that these are still items for future meetings. She will be working to coordinate with BWSR to have the Grants Compliance Specialist at one of the next couple of meetings. The TAC had this presentation in September. Kovarik also shared depending on how quickly items can be reviewed by legal counsel some of these agreements and policies could be reviewed by the JPB in the next couple of months.</p> <p>a. Policies b. Partnership Agreements c. BWSR Grant Compliance Specialist</p>		FYI	5 min
8.	Open Discussion/Agency Updates-a few updates were shared by members including a general discussion about easements.	All	Discuss	

9. Closing-Keith Englund made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. and Matt Gilbertson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.	Ron Staples Chair	Decision	
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