

# CHIPPEWA RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Joint Powers Board Meeting– April 15, 2022

Pope County Courthouse Commissioners Room 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## Meeting Minutes

1. At 9:02 a.m. Commissioner Joe Fox called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

Joe Fox	Swift County Commissioner
Keith Englund	Douglas County Commissioner
Mike Cleary	Douglas SWCD Supervisor
Rod Wenstrom	West Ottertail SWCD Supervisor
Ronald Dilley	Kandiyohi SWCD Supervisor
Roland Nissen	Kandiyohi County Commissioner
Mark Weimerskirch	Swift SWCD Supervisor
Ron Staples	Stevens SWCD Commissioner
Ken Johnson	Grant County Commissioner
Paul Gerde	Pope County Commissioner
Jon Nelson	Grant SWCD Supervisor
Randy Mitteness	Pope SWCD Supervisor
Jason Weinerman	BWSR
Holly Kovarik	Pope SWCD staff
Sarah Zellmer	Pope SWCD staff

2. **Rollie Nissen made a motion to approve the agenda with a couple of additions including the draft Land and Water Resources Narrative and the Public Participation Plan. Mike Cleary seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**
3. **Rollie Nissen made a motion to approve the February 18, 2022 meeting minutes with one correction changing Norm Nissen to Rollie Nissen. Randy Mitteness seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**
4. Old business: The Kickoff Meeting was discussed there were 99 people in attendance with as many as 105 registered. There were only about 5 no shows and a few showed up that night not registered. The attendance was the best they have seen for these types of meetings. There was a good variety of backgrounds and perspectives represented. The mapping exercise of where they reside in the watershed indicated more people attended from the northern half of the watershed. There was not as much representation in the southern part of the watershed. Feedback from the staff was shared. Overall, the meeting went very well and the information shared was appreciated by the group.
5. Treasurer Report
  - a. February & March Expenditure reports
  - b. Approve HEI Invoice \$9,924.65 BWSR 1W1P Grant
  - c. Approve payment to Pope SWCD for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter work completed by Kovarik
  - d. Approve reimbursement for Kick Off Meeting meal expense BWSR 1W1P Expense \$2,206.17

Kovarik reported deposits coming in from the counties, no expenditures currently, checks are cut for SWCD is in the packet provided. The first invoice from Houston is in the packet as well. The meal expenses have been paid out by the SWCD and are included in their invoice. **Ron Staples made a motion to approve the February and March Treasurer Reports and payments to Pope SWCD \$11,848.13 and Houston Engineering for \$9,924.65. Ronald Dilley seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**

Kovarik shared information on additional subcommittee staff wages for reimbursement under the WRAPS project. She has received Albertsen Swift \$194.07, Bothun Chippewa \$788.29, and Rice and Albertsen Douglas \$359.42. There may be one more invoice coming in for work completed this quarter by JoAnn Blomme from Chippewa County. Kovarik asked for approval to pay these invoices. **Mike Cleary made a motion to pay Swift, Chippewa, and Douglas invoices. Keith Englund seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**

6. Kovarik shared the 3 examples of the logo the TAC has been working on. The TAC has recommended approval of the following logo.



Kovarik shared that this logo was just the old CRWP logo reformatted. **Keith Englund made a motion to approve the logo and Ron Staples seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**

7. Kovarik shared that the slogan was updated for the CRWA from the CRWP slogan. *"Connecting People To Their Watershed"*. **Mark Weimerskirch made a motion to approve the slogan and Keith Englund seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**
8. One Watershed One Plan updates:  
The Kickoff meeting was already discussed earlier on the agenda. Kovarik pointed out the TAC meeting notes in the packet from the March meeting and the notes handed out from the April meeting. These give a good update on what the TAC is currently working on. Kovarik then shared the draft Land and Water Resources Narrative and the Public Participation Plan to the JPB members. She shared the edits that were suggested by the TAC and indicated that the revised version will be sent out for the JPB to review further and hopefully approve at the May meeting.
9. WRAPS:  
Kovarik shared that the website is currently being developed and now she will work on populated information on the pages.  
She asked members if they had been into the SharePoint and gave a quick demonstration of our SharePoint site.
10. Tour suggesting moving to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Kovarik shared the conflict for the June tour date suggestion. The board gave feedback on possibly a 9-3 type of event with a break for lunch. They shared that maybe we could do two tours. They also discussed possibly just featuring different parts of the watershed each time. Kovarik shared that a subcommittee will be working on more details for this now that a date has been established and more details will be coming to the board in the next couple of months. There were no concerns brought up about moving the tour to July 15<sup>th</sup>.
11. The next meeting will be May 20, 2022, at the Pope County Courthouse 9-11 a.m.
12. Jason Weirnerman shared that he is our new Board Conservationist for the Chippewa River Watershed Association. He shared that we would need to share with three tribes for an opportunity to provide public comment. He will work with Kovarik to get this notice out to those three tribal groups. Once we receive their information then that will be incorporated in with the other public comment letters.
13. **The meeting was adjourned by Chair Fox at 9:50 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Kovarik

Pope SWCD Manager/CRWA Coordinator