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March 5, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting
BWSR Conference Room, Marshall, MN

AREA II Members Present: Larry Anderson, Corey Sik, John Maatz, Gary Crowley, Lori Gunnink, Luke Johnson, and Glen Kack.

RCRCA Members Present: Larry Anderson, Clark Lingbeek, Corey Sik, Glen Sorensen, Gary Crowley, Mark Meulebroeck, Lori Gunnink, Luke Johnson, Larry Fenicle, Glen Kack and Tom Remmele.

Others Present: Kerry Netzke – Executive Director and Joy Bruns – RCRCA Office Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by RCRCA Chairman Johnson and Area II Chairman Maatz.

ADOPT AGENDA. Chairman Maatz asked for any additions to the Agenda. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Gunnink, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS.

MASWCD – Lingbeek reported that the Legislative Days will be March 18-19. The northern tier of counties still have issues with dues and sustainable funding. An update on the Watonwan 1W1P progress was given.

AMC – Commissioner Johnson reported that the Legislative Conference was last week (February 25-27).

APPROVE RCRCA MINUTES of February 2020 Board Meeting. Motion by Crowley, seconded by Lingbeek, to approve the February 2020 Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RCRCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES of February 17, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion by Crowley, seconded by Gunnink, to approve the February 2020 Executive Board Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AREA II MINUTES of February 2020 Board Meeting. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Gunnink, to approve the February 2020 Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RCRCA TREASURER’S REPORT – February 2020. Netzke reviewed the financials with the Board. Revenue received: \$1,034.56 Contract Services Income, \$165.24 Interest Income, \$975.00 County Appropriations, \$182.15 Contract Services-Moldestad, \$15,917.91 Lake Redwood, \$34,266.53 Monitoring Income, and \$54.17 Mileage Reimbursement-Area II. Bills for approval include: Wenck Associates \$4,245.83, Houston Engineering \$74,395.45, and Estebo, Frank & Munshower, LTD \$1,225.00 (Lake Redwood), and The New Ulm Journal \$228.80. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Crowley, to approve the February 2020 Treasurer’s Report with one correction and to authorize payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Revenue from the following sources was recorded:

Canoe/Kayak Rental	\$ 0.00	Contract Services Income	\$ 1,034.56
Interest-Cash Sweep/CD	\$ 2.44	Interest-Checking Acct	\$ 19.35
Grant Funds	\$ 50,184.44	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 236.32
Appropriations	\$ 975.00	Investment/MAGIC Interest	\$ 143.45

Paid bills are summarized below:

Operations/Occupancy	\$ 1,041.72	Travel Expenses	\$ 854.87
Promotion/Education	\$ 31.23	Contract Services-Moldestad	\$ 0.00

Monitoring/Evaluation	\$ 225.90	Personnel	\$ 10,075.93
Project Costs	\$ 0.00	Contract Services-Area II	\$ 3,579.75
Capital Outlay (Grant Related)	\$ 1,087.78	Other Services & Charges	\$ 79,869.23
Capital Outlay Vehicle-Reserves	\$ 27,575.24		

Bills for approval:

Professional Fees (Consultants)	\$ 79,866.28	Fees & Dues	\$ 228.80
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APPROVE AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT – February 2020, Netzke reviewed the financials with the Board. Motion by Gunnink, seconded by Anderson, to approve the February 2020 Treasurer’s Report and to authorize payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AREA II NEW COST SHARE CONTRACT. None presented.

APPROVE AREA II COST SHARE CONTRACT PAYMENT. None presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.

AREA II

- **Soil Borings** – AET geotechnical reports were received January 26. Good soils were found at all project sites.
- **Bonding Request** – On February 11, both bills were introduced and referred to Capital Investment committees. Bill numbers are: SF 2926 and HF 3125. Testimony and handouts have been prepared for possible hearings. A hearing in the House committee was held last night at 6:30 PM along with about 24 other bills. Representative Torkelson was comfortable handling the hearing himself.
- **City of Pipestone Flooding** – Netzke attended the meeting arranged by Kurt Deter of Rinke-Noonan on February 24. Action was taken to form a small committee to draft a RFP for engineering services to look into several options: diversion channel, ditch improvement, buy out of homes, etc. Netzke was asked to be part of this committee that met again March 3. A draft RFP should be ready for review on March 25. Netzke noted that the area is located in the northeast portion of Pipestone at the Hwy 75 & 23 junction. Discussion followed on the number of homes and businesses affected (15-20 homes and 4 businesses).
- **Engineer’s Report** – Duane Hansel, PE has been vacationing for much of February; no report was requested.
- **LQP Floodways** – Originally constructed in 1976, the floodway was constructed to alleviate pressure off oxbows in the LQP River and to direct ~30% of flows through the constructed floodway. Over the years, considerable siltation has occurred in the river and the floodway, and the intended operation has reversed with 70% of the flow going through the floodway and 30% through the river. DNR staff has surveyed much of the area and is estimating the needed removal of 38,500 cubic yards of sediment. Yellow Medicine County is requesting assistance from Area II to develop a feasibility report with a preliminary plan including the lowering of 4 road culverts, and an estimated cost of construction. Area II would cover the engineering cost to this point. After that, outside funding would be sought for further engineering/oversight and construction. This request is a separate agenda item.
- **Kurtz Wetland Restoration Meeting** – A meeting has been scheduled with several parties for March 23. As we have worked through most of the BWSR comments, it is time to bring in all involved parties to explain the proposed project and answer questions/concerns.

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- **New Pickup** – Delivery of the new pickup was made February 14. Unknown to the dealership, bed liners are no longer standard equipment starting with the 2020 models. A bed liner will be installed for \$325.
- **Cottonwood WRAPS/TMDL Project Update** – On February 25, presentations were made to the Local Work Group by Dr. Joe Magner (U of M) and Matt Drewitz (BWSR) comparing the various prioritize/target/measure tools (HSPF-SAM, PTM App, and ACPF) and their strengths and weaknesses. These tools were used on a pilot watershed (Plum Creek of the Cottonwood River Watershed) with results compared. 25 were in attendance for the meeting and very useful information was received.

• **RCRCA/City of Redwood Falls MOU** – Netzke and Doering met on February 25 to begin outlining the roles and responsibilities of each party, and Houston Engineering, as we proceed with the lake dredging project. Netzke drafted a MOU and submitted to Doering for review on March 3. Following that markup, the MOU committee can meet to finalize the agreement.

Request for Preliminary Engineering from Area II for LQP Floodways (YM County). Netzke informed the board of the request and presented an estimated cost of engineering for Hansel and DeSchepper of ~\$15,000 (all office time). This work would be paid through Area II’s fiscal budget. Commissioner Kack presented a map of the project. Constructed in 1976, the project reportedly failed as early as 1981 with the floodway carrying 70% of the flow instead of the designed 30%. A meeting was held with DNR staff, Area II staff and YM County Drainage Inspector, Chris Balfany to discuss the project. DNR will provide additional survey data, guidance on the channel bottom design, and permits. Consensus of the Board was to request DNR to provide written statement of their contributions to the project to limit Area II’s staff to office time only. Motion by Kack, seconded by Anderson, to approve the request for preliminary engineering for the LQP Floodways with the understanding that DNR will provide a written agreement for provided services. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA AUDIT (FY17-FY18 Review and FY19 Audit). One quote was received from Kinner & Company; cost not to exceed \$5,000. For comparison purposes, the 2017 audit was \$4,600 and 2014 audit was \$4,250. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lingbeek, to accept the quote for Kinner & Company to perform the audit. Motion carried unanimously.

LAKE REDWOOD RECLAMATION PROJECT UPDATE.

CDF Property Acquisition: Following the action taken by the Executive Board, a purchase agreement has been drafted with Red Del, LLC. Red Del’s attorney is reviewing the agreement, and upon acceptance, earnest money will be held by their attorney until the closing (tentatively April 15).

Peninsula Issue: Attorney Frank Munshower is researching the property deed/survey to determine ownership.

Engineering: Final Plans are approaching 90% completion and are at a point where they can be submitted to DNR Dam Safety along with the permit application. This was submitted February 17, 2020. Work continues on the other permit applications.

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be on April 2, 2020. RCRCA Chairman Johnson stated that he would be unable to attend. Vice Chairman Lingbeek will chair the meeting in Redwood Falls.

ADJOURNMENT. RCRCA Chairman Johnson & Area II Chairman Maatz declared the RCRCA meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

April Board Meeting	Thursday, April 2, 2020	Redwood Falls – Redwood County Learning Center – 9 AM
May Board Meeting	Thursday, May 7, 2020	Marshall – BWSR Conference Room – 9 AM
June Board Meeting	Thursday, June 4, 2020	Redwood Falls – Redwood County Learning Center – 9 AM

Luke Johnson, RCRCA Chairman

Date