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June 1, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting – Redwood County Government Center, Redwood Falls, MN

AREA II Members Present: Norman Holmen, John Maatz, Joe Drietz, Rick Anderson, Lori Gunnink, Luke Johnson, Lon Walling, and Glen Kack.

RCRCA Members Present: Greg Roiger, Norman Holmen, Joe Drietz, Glen Sorensen, Rick Anderson, Lori Gunnink, , Luke Johnson, Arvin Pater, Lon Walling, Ed Carter and Glen Kack.

Others Present: Kerry Netzke – Executive Director, Joy Bruns – RCRCA Office Manager, and John Boulton – YMRWD, Brian Martinson – Southwest MN Beet Sugar Cooperative.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Area II Chairman Johnson.

ADOPT AGENDA. Area II Chairman Johnson asked for any additions to the Agenda. Hearing none, motion made by Walling, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS.

MN RIVER CONGRESS – Netzke reported that the MN River Congress held a meeting on May 18 at the Redwood Area Community Center which was well attended. Netzke represented both Area II and RCRCA with a booth display and provided opening remarks at the meeting. Lingbeek also spoke on GBERBA.

YMRWD – Boulton reported that tiling permit applications are coming in strong. They continue to work on the Nordland 6 Road Retention (Lyon County) with Fall construction being planned. Netzke gave an update on the 1W1P status. Boulton noted that local legislative meetings were rescheduled due to the special session.

DNR – Within the approved Bonding Bill, funding for dam repair/removal included Brawner Lake at Camden State Park and R6 upstream of the Canby Dam. No bonding funds were allocated to the LQP-YB Watershed District or Area II. Senator Dahms and Representative Torkelson told the Redwood County Commissioners that the legislature took the 2016 Bonding Bill which was not signed by the Governor, cut it in half, then added in more brick and mortar projects.

APPROVE RCRCA MINUTES of May 4, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Drietz, to approve the May 2017 Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AREA II MINUTES of May 4, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Gunnink, to approve the May 2017 Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RCRCA TREASURER’S REPORT – May 2017. Netzke reviewed the financials with the Board. Revenue received: \$5,175.00 County Appropriations, \$16,174.62 Monitoring Income, \$72.82 Interest Income, \$887.04 Contract Services Income, and \$200.00 Soil Health Workshop Donations. The expenses were routine with the exception of vehicle expenses of a replacement windshield for the 2003 Ford truck (\$247.55), and intake manifold gasket replacement (\$561.50, prior approved by Treasurer Meulebroeck via phone); and a set of marine batteries (\$196.60) for the boat. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sorensen, to approve the May 2017 Treasurer’s Report and the bills as paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Revenue from the following sources was recorded:

Canoe Rental	\$ -0-	Contract Services Income	\$ 887.04
Interest-Cash Sweep Acct/CD	\$ 63.62	Interest-Checking Acct	\$ 9.20
Grant Funds	\$ 16,174.62	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 200.00
Appropriations	\$ 5,175.00		

Paid bills are summarized below:

Operations/Occupancy	\$ 967.61	Travel Expenses	\$ 1,415.09
Promotion/Education	\$ 200.00	Contract Services-Moldestad	\$ -0-
Monitoring/Evaluation	\$ 4,984.79	Personnel	\$ 8,700.83
Project Costs	\$ -0-	Contract Services-Area II	\$ 6,137.19
Capital Outlay (Grant Related)	\$ -0-	Other Services & Charges	\$ 104.11

Approved bills for payment are summarized below: None

APPROVE AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT – May 2017. Netzke reviewed the financials with the Board. Motion by Gunnink, seconded by Holmen, to approve the May 2017 Treasurer’s Report and payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA - APPROVE NEW COST SHARE APPLICATIONS: None

RCRCA CONTRACTS FOR AMENDMENT: None

RCRCA CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENT: None

AREA II – APPROVE NEW COST SHARE APPLICATIONS:

Netzke presented four new cost share contract applications: 1) Redwood – Johnsonville 34W Grade Stabilization Repair, 2) Lyon – Nordland 20 SE 410 Grade Stabilization Structure, 3) Lyon – Nordland 20 SW 410 Grade Stabilization Repair and 4) Lyon – Sodus 36 410 Grade Stabilization Repair.

AREA II CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

Netzke presented one Cost Share Contract Amendment for Redwood – Gales 26. EQIP funding slippage was made available for the project, reducing Area II’s cost share amount.

AREA II CONTRACTS FOR CANCELLATION:

The landowner has decided to not do the project at this time.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Walling, to approve the Area II new cost share contracts, contract amendment, and cost share contract cancellation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.

- Attended the MN River Congress in Redwood Falls on May 18. Free booth display for RCRCA and Area II in exchange for providing opening remarks.
- Vacation – Netzke will be taking the week of June 12-16 off for a family wedding in South Dakota.

AREA II

- **Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan (1W1P):** The Plan Work Group met on May 8 to work on the MOA for Implementation. Performance Based Funding (*aka “Fund The Plan”*) was included in the Omnibus Environment bill for \$9.75M
- Dam Inspections – Wellner-Hageman, Schoper-Bush and Walnut Grove (Lake Laura) were inspected on May 23. The inspections scheduled for May 22 have been postponed until June 5 due the heavy rainfalls. Netzke noted that there is gravel mining near the Hauschild-Thange Dam which will need to be monitored closely and reported beaver activity at the Sonstegaard-Telste Dam.
- Replaced windshield on the pickup as the two rock chips were too large to repair.

- Biennial Appropriation – the Legislature approved \$140,000/year to Area II in sf844/hf711.

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- **Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG):** Stream samples were collected May 8, 9 and 23, 29. Wohnoutka and Devin Ryan collected lake samples on May 24, 25 with the new boat. A teleconference with the MPCA Project Manager will be held in early June to discuss any challenges or changes needed to the sampling routine.
- **Phase 1 WRAPS:** The next “Local Work Group Kick-Off” meetings for the Cottonwood and Redwood watersheds will be held on the afternoon of June 8 in Marshall.
- **Discovery Farms** – With 4” of rainfall, Wohnoutka was busy with the site. Devin Ryan and I visited the site on May 19 for backup training.
- **CWF Grant Workshop** – In preparation of the upcoming grant application period, BWSR is hosting a workshop in Marshall on the morning of June 8. This is intended to assist the watersheds/organizations that do not have the “targeted” plans/areas in getting grant funds. The grants will be submitted in August.
- Replaced windshield on the Ford pickup as a passing cement truck cracked the windshield. MCIT is contacting the cement company on our behalf, as the windshield cost was less than the \$500 deductible. At the same time, the Check Engine light came on. The manifold intake gasket required replacement as the air/fuel mixture was running too lean. The repair estimate was \$561.50; the Treasurer was contacted for prior approval of the expenditure.

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP.

Area II –

FY’18/FY19Administrative Services – hf398/sf348 – \$140,000/year for Area II administration was approved.

Area II Bonding – hf447/sf588 – Area II was not included in the Bonding Bill.

LQP-YB WD Bonding – hf1230/sf761 – This request was not included in the Bonding Bill.

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Lake Redwood Reclamation and Enhancement Project – hf413/sf294 – \$7.825M in bonding. This funding had been included up until the Special Session, but was cut from the final bill. From the discussion that the Redwood County Commissioners had with Senator Dahms and Representative Torkelson, bonding funds for Lake Redwood and Area II will likely be included in the 2018 Bonding Bill which is the customary year for bonding.

AREA II ENGINEER’S REPORT.

Netzke reviewed the Engineer’s Report with the board of directors.

FY’18 AREA II BUDGET. Netzke reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. Revisions from last month were discussed. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Anderson, to approve Option 2 (2% COLA and 1% merit raise) for FY’18. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA – JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RENEWAL (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019). Netzke presented the Board with the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement. The partners that had authorization to sign the agreement, and were present, signed the Joint Powers Agreement. The remainder of the signatories will be contacted individually to sign the agreement by the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT. With no other business to address, Area II Chairman Johnson and RCRCA Chairman Holmen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

July 2017 Board Meeting	July 6, 2017	Marshall, MN – BWSR Conference Room – 9:00 AM
August 2017 Board Meeting	August 3, 2017	Redwood Falls, MN – MN West Conf. Room – 9:00 AM
September 2017 Board Meeting	September 7, 2017	Marshall, MN – BWSR Conference Room – 9:00 AM

Norman Holmen, RCRCA Chairman

July 6, 2017