

# RCRCA

## AREA II / RCRCA

**September 6, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting  
BWSR Conference Room - Marshall, MN**

**AREA II Members Present:** Dennis Potter, Norman Holmen, Corey Sik, Rick Anderson, Lori Gunnink, Luke Johnson and Glen Kack.

**RCRCA Members Present:** Dennis Potter, Jeff Nielsen, Norman Holmen, Clark Lingbeek, Corey Sik, Glen Sorensen, Rick Anderson, Mark Meulebroeck, Lori Gunnink, Paul Posthuma, Luke Johnson, Ed Carter and Glen Kack.

**Others Present:** Kerry Netzke – Executive Director, Joy Bruns – RCRCA Office Manager, and Jason Beckler - BWSR.

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

**ADOPT AGENDA.** Chairman Johnson asked for any additions to the Agenda. With no changes, a motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS.**

**MASWCD** – Supervisor Lingbeek reported on Winona SWCD celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He attended a meeting in Grand Rapids and met the new MN State Conservationist, Troy Daniell, from Texas. The resolutions committee is meeting to address the resolutions for the state convention. The Watonwan 1W1P held their first meeting and are going through the process of hiring a consultant.

**MN River Congress** – Supervisor Lingbeek announced the upcoming meeting on September 12. The annual meeting will be held on November 8; location is to be determined. They desire more SWCD involvement.

**AMC** – Commissioner Anderson reported that the policy committee meetings are next week. Funding of SWCDs through taxation will likely be discussed.

**BWSR** – Jason Beckler reported that CWF applications were due August 31; the applications requested more dollars than available as usual. In November, the State ranking will begin, and by December, the BWSR Board will approve distribution of the funds. The BWSR Board Meeting/Tour was held in August in the Worthington/Luverne area; the focus was on groundwater protection and sensitive area stormwater storage. Hawk Creek is among the nine new 1W1Ps that were approved to start plan development. Missouri Basin 1W1P is 6-8 months from completion. Area II's Biennial Work Plan Update was approved.

**RATIFY RCRCA MINUTES of July 9, 2018 Monthly Board Meeting.** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Meulebroeck, to accept the Executive Board recommendation to approve the July 2018 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE RCRCA MINUTES of August 2, 2018 Executive Board Meeting.** Motion by Potter, seconded by Anderson, to approve the August 2018 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**RATIFY AREA II MINUTES of July 9, 2018 Monthly Board Meeting.** Motion by Holmen, seconded by Gunnink to accept the Executive Board recommendation to approve the July 2018 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AREA II MINUTES of August 2, 2018 Executive Board Meeting.** Motion by Potter, seconded by Anderson, to approve of the August 2018 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE RCRCA TREASURER’S REPORT – July/August 2018.** July and August financial reports were provided to the Board. Netzke reviewed the August financials. Revenue received: \$1,613.68 Contract Services Income, \$43.11 Interest Income, \$825.00 Appropriations, \$109.29 Contract Services Income-Moldestad and \$76,493.68 Grant Reimbursements. Expenses were routine with the following exception: Expenditure approved at the July meeting of \$1,896.16 for sampling probes (grant reimbursed). Bills for approval: Wenck Associates - Consultant Fees for the Redwood and Cottonwood WRAPs of \$10,727.19. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Posthuma, to approve both the July and August Treasurer’s Reports and for payment of the August bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**Revenue from the following sources was recorded:**

Canoe/Kayak Rental	\$ -0-	Contract Services Income	\$ 1,613.68
Interest-Cash Sweep Acct/CD	\$ 37.90	Interest-Checking Acct	\$ 5.21
Grant Funds	\$ 76,493.68	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 109.29
Appropriations	\$ 825.00		

**Paid bills are summarized below:**

Operations/Occupancy	\$ 1,251.44	Travel Expenses	\$ 786.85
Promotion/Education	\$ 277.85	Contract Services-Moldestad	\$ 728.60
Monitoring/Evaluation	\$ 3,954.20	Personnel	\$ 13,363.29
Project Costs	\$ -0-	Contract Services-Area II	\$ 6,160.25
Capital Outlay (Grant Related)	\$ 1,896.16	Other Services & Charges	\$ 9,018.47

**Approved bills for payment are summarized below:**

Professional Services	\$ 10,727.19	Monitoring Equipment	\$ -0-
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**APPROVE AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT – July/August 2018.** July and August financial reports were provided to the Board. Netzke reviewed the August financials. Motion by Gunnink, seconded by Potter, to approve the July and August 2018 Treasurer’s Reports and for payment of the August bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**RCRCA - APPROVE NEW COST SHARE APPLICATIONS:** None

**RCRCA CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENTS:** None

**AREA II AMENDMENT COST SHARE CONTRACTS:** None

**AREA II CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.**

- **Vacation** – On vacation August 22-24 and August 30-31.
- **Brown County Commissioners** – Netzke visited the Brown County Commissioners on August 7 for annual updates of both organizations and to present the levy request payable in 2019.
- **SW/WC Annual Meeting** – SW/WC hosted the annual insurance meeting on August 29 where premiums for 2019 were presented. Increases are projected; 2019 rates will be discussed as a separate Agenda item.

## AREA II

- **Lake Laura Re-Inspection** – The Walnut Grove Reservoir (Lake Laura) was reinspected on August 17. The dam is in excellent condition considering the amount of water that went through it on July 3. If it weren't for photos taken during the flood event, the high water mark would not be obvious as no trash lines exist. The only repair needed is in the lower section of the emergency spillway where two gully sections formed. As a side note, Redwood County hired Wenck Associates to conduct a carp assessment of Lake Laura. There is a huge carp population in the lake despite it being a fairly good fishing spot.
- **Hauschild-Thange** – A contract was drafted between Eloise Hauschild and Thompson Excavating for the \$2,500 of tree removal at the dam site. YMRWD is offering a monetary incentive to the upstream landowner if he takes care of the tree removal first.
- **BWSR Board Tour/Meeting** – The BWSR Board toured Rock/Nobles Counties on August 22-23. The Area II Annual Plan, including the new bonding appropriation of \$700,000, was approved. Administration and Bonding contracts should be forthcoming soon.

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- **Middle Minnesota WRAPS** – Netzke attended the work session in New Ulm on August 13 to help determine priority areas and targeted BMPs for the Middle Minnesota watershed. There are orphan areas in the Middle Minnesota that will become part of the Redwood and Cottonwood watersheds for IWIP development.
- **Cottonwood/Redwood WRAPS/TMDL** – Netzke attended the Drainage Water Management Tour at SWROC on the morning of August 16. The WRAPS Local Work Group met that afternoon at SWROC. Wenck presented more stream data analysis of the impaired reaches. Preliminary lake sediment core data was presented as well as the carp assessment survey results.
- **Clean Water Fund Applications** – Watershed monitoring data from 2017 could be considered as enough justification for the grant application, however BWSR staff feels that the application would be weak without the prioritization/targeting component that will come from the WRAPS and TMDL reports. A year from now, we will have ample information to be competitive. SWCDs were contacted for proposed projects that exist in these watersheds. Based on this information, an application for Sleepy Eye Creek was not considered due to the few numbers of projects at this time. Lyon SWCD submitted projects for Three Mile Creek; however the overall measurable outcomes would not be impressive. Applications will wait until 2019.
- **LCCMR Work Plan Presentation** – The first draft of the Work Plan and Budget was submitted to LCCMR on August 10 after meeting with Jim Doering, Redwood Falls Public Works Manager and Mike Weckwerth, MPCA. LCCMR comments were received August 15 for expansion of some sections. These revisions were submitted August 28. Once approved, a 10-minute PowerPoint will be created for the presentation and Q&A session on September 13, 2018 in St. Paul.

**AREA II/RCRCA – 2019 HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS** – Netzke presented the 2019 health insurance premium rate increases: Area II - 11.6%, going to \$1,885 for family coverage. RCRCA – 11.3%, going to \$977 for single coverage. These rates may be reduced by 0.5% by changing the prescription coverage (excluding CVS and Target). Two options for an increased deductible were discussed, increasing from a \$0 deductible to a \$300 or \$500 deductible. Discussion followed. **RCRCA** - Motion by Anderson, seconded by Carter, to recommend changing the deductible to \$500 and to have a BCBS Insurance Specialist discuss the insurance changes with the employees. Motion carried unanimously. **Area II** - Motion by Anderson, seconded by Gunnink, to recommend changing the deductible to \$500 and to have a BCBS Insurance Specialist discuss the insurance changes with the employees. Motion carried unanimously.

## RCRCA – Lake Redwood Reclamation & Enhancement Project

### A. Houston Engineering, Inc. – Meeting September 7, 2018

This meeting with Houston Engineering, the City of Redwood Falls, and RCRCA is to recap recent discussions with dredge contractors and to discuss some details that will require alteration from the 2008 project design.

**B. LCCMR Work Plan Presentation/Q&A – September 13, 2018.**

LCCMR is requesting a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation to the LCCMR Committee on September 13. An additional 10 minutes is scheduled for questions and answers. Following approval, the LCCMR/Bonds will be released and contracts drafted.

**C. Area II/RCRCA Legislative Gathering – November 1, 2018.**

Houston Engineering will be the guest speaker on the Lake Redwood Dredging project. Houston intends to make this an educational presentation to inform the audience of the process, expectations and potential complications of the project. A business meeting will be at 2:30 PM. Registration for the Annual Legislative Gathering will start at 3:00 PM with the meeting starting at 3:30 PM. The meeting time will complement the AMC meeting. An evening meal will be served following the meeting.

**AREA II ENGINEER’S REPORT.** Netzke reviewed the Engineer’s Report with the board of directors.

Non-Board members were excused from the meeting for personnel performance reviews.

**RCRCA – Performance Review – Wohnoutka.** Wohnoutka is entering his 16<sup>th</sup> year of employment with RCRCA. He will move from 1.5 hours/month to 1.75 hours/month of vacation earned. Netzke recommended a 1% increase. If requested by the Yellow Medicine Watershed, Wohnoutka indicated his willingness to assist with SWAG sampling of rivers and lakes for the second round of WRAPS starting in 2019. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Sorensen, to approve the recommendation of a 1% increase beginning September 2, 2018. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Holmen expressed his thanks to Wohnoutka for his dedication and hard work and inform Wohnoutka of the unanimous approval of the motion.

**RCRCA ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Holmen adjourned the RCRCA meeting at 10:33 AM.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS.**

October Board Meeting	Thursday, October 4, 2018	Redwood Falls, MN - 9:00 AM
November Board Meeting	Thursday, November 1, 2018	Redwood Falls – RACC – 2:30 PM
Annual Legislative Gathering	Thursday, November 1, 2018	Redwood Falls – RACC – 3:30 PM (Registration 3:00 PM)
December Board Meeting	Thursday, December 6, 2018	Redwood Falls, MN - 9:00 AM