



SNAKE RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

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“Working to enhance and protect the water resources of the Snake River Watershed”

Minutes of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and Citizen Advisory Committee- May 22, 2023. On Site Kanabec County Courthouse Meeting Room 3/4 and Virtual Meeting via *Webex Call-In

Board Members Present: Commissioner Ripka-Kanabec County, Commissioner Lovgren- Pine County, Commissioner Sample- Aitkin County, Commissioner Oslin-Mille Lacs County

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Members Present: Bob Janzen & Janet Smude - Aitkin SWCD Board, Don Deutsch -Cross Lake Assoc., Kurt Beckstrom-Mille Lacs SWCD Board, Mike Cummins- Pine SWCD Board, Kevin Belkholm- Kanabec SWCD Board, Kathy Nielson- Pokegama Lake Assoc., Roberta Elvecrog-Aitkin County, Robert Hoefert- Mille Lacs SWCD Board

Technical Advisors Present: Deanna Pomije & *Stephanie Paulson- Kanabec SWCD,* Zach Van Orsdel- Pine SWCD, Barb Peichel & Darren Mayers- BWSR

Recording Secretary/SRW Coordinator: Teresa Wickeham- Kanabec County

Public: David Minke- Pine County Administrator, Caleb Anderson –Pine County

I. Call to Order/ Approval and Additions to Agenda

The joint May 22, 2023 meeting of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and CAC Meeting was called to order By Commissioner Loving.

CAC: A motion was made by Mike Cummings, seconded by Kevin Belkholm to approve the agenda with the addition of Kanabec SWCD Fish Lake project.

All in favor motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Sample to approve the agenda with the addition of Kanabec SWCD Fish Lake project.

All in favor, motion carried.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 27, 2023

CAC: A motion was made by Don Deutsch, seconded by Mike Cummins to approve the May 22, 2023 minutes.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Sample to approve the May 22, 2023 minutes as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

III. Financial Report:

There was no change in the financial report from the March 27, 2023 meeting.

IV. New Business

Invoices/Claims: Kanabec SWCD: No-Till Drill invoice- \$4,499

The Board and CAC were presented with the invoice of funding as approved by SRW Board & CAC on February 27, 2023

CAC Recommendation: A motion was made by Don Deutsch, seconded by Kevin Belkholm to recommend approval of \$4,499 for the no-till drill funding as approved February 27, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Ripka to approve payment of \$4,499 for the no-till drill funding as approved February 27, 2023. All in favor motion carried.

Projects/Proposals: Fordyce- Streamback and Shoreline Protection Project

This project is located on Fish Lake and involves the removal of an existing failing retaining wall and vegetation plantings. The engineers estimated cost \$19,408.68 with fund request of \$13,056.51.

After review and discussion the following motions where made:

CAC Recommendation: A motion was made by Kevin Belkholm, seconded by Kathy Nielson to recommend to approve up to 75% of the lowest bid received with a maximum funding of the requested \$13,056.51.

All in favor, motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Oslin, seconded by Commissioner Sample to approve up to 75% of the lowest bid received with a maximum funding of the requested \$13,056.51.

All in favor, motion carried.

V. Old Business

The SRW board members brought back their county comments pertaining to the future of the Snake River Watershed Management Board future:

Aitkin County- keep existing SRWMB

Pine County- 1W1P Board (amend 1993 JPS to add SWCD)

Kanabec County- keep SRWMB

Mille Lacs County- keep SRWMB

The County Boards expressed concerns over JPA language and any future watershed districts with taxing authority outside of the county.

No decision was made at this time and the discussion will be brought back at the June 26th meeting.

VI. Updates

None

VII. Public Comment/Discussion

None

VIII. Adjourn:

CAC: A motion was made by Don Deutsch, seconded by Mike Cummins to adjourn the CAC meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Lovgren to

adjourn the SRW Board meeting.
All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Wickeham
Coordinator/Recording Secretary SRWMB