



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- October 23, 2023. On Site Kanabec County Courthouse Meeting Room 3/4

Board Members Present: Commissioner Ripka-Kanabec County, Commissioner Lovgren- Pine County, Commissioner Tellinghuisen-Mille Lacs County, Commissioner Leiviska

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Members and Technical Advisors Present: Dan Gravely-Aitkin SWCD, Don Deutsch -Cross Lake Assoc., Kathy Nielson- Pokegama Lake Assoc., Robert Hoefert, Willow Dean & Kurt Beckstrom-Mille Lacs SWCD Board & Staff, Mike Cumming, Caleb Anderson & David Minke- Pine County SWCD Board & Staff, Kevin Belkholm, Deanna Pomije-Kanabec SWCD Board & Staff, Barb Peichel- BWSR

Recording Secretary/SRW Coordinator: Teresa Wickeham- Kanabec County

Public: Commissioner Sample-Aitkin County, Commissioner Roeschlein- Kanabec County

I. Call to Order/ Approval and Additions to Agenda

The joint October 23, 2023 meeting of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and CAC Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tellinghuisen at 9:05.

CAC: A motion was made by Don Deutsch, seconded by Kevin Belkholm to approve the agenda as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Lovgren, seconded by Commissioner Ripka to approve the agenda with the agenda as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 25, 2023

CAC: A motion was made by Kathy Nielson, seconded by Don Deutsch to approve the September 25, 2023 minutes as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Lovgren, seconded by Commissioner Leiviska to approve the September 25, 2023 minutes as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

III. Financial Report:

The Board & CAC reviewed the updated financial report. The report included the county percentage of funds if distributed through dissolution.

CAC: A motion was made by Kathy Nielson, seconded by Kevin Belkholm to accept the financial report as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW BOARD: A motion was made by Commissioner Lovgren, seconded by Commissioner Leiviska to accept the financial report as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

IV. New Business

Chairman Tellinghuisen called to open the Public Hearing for Dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board at 9:15

Commissioner Tellinghuisen asked for comment from those attending:

Kathy Nielson-Pokegama Lake Assoc: In support of the dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board. Supports the 1W1P Partnership with shared votes of the members.

Kurt Beckstrom- Mille Lacs SWCD: In support of the dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board. Supports the 1W1P Partnership for the possibility of future opportunities available.

Terry Lovgren- Pine County Commissioner: Pine County is in support of the dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board. Pine County is in support of the 1W1P Partnership and finds the Management Board to be a duplication of the partnership.

Travis Leiviska- Aitkin County Commissioner: Aitkin County is in support of the dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board. Aitkin County is in support of the 1W1P Partnership and stated they would not financially support duplication of funding.

Roger Tellinghuisen- Mille Lacs County Commissioner: Mille County is not in favor of the dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board. Mille lacs County stated that the existing Board has worked and is still working and has not joined the 1W1P Partnership. They see no change in funding opportunities.

Peter Ripka-Kanabec County Commissioner: The Kanabec County Board, by consensus is not in favor of dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board. It was stated there was concerns about match funding. The Board will be having a formal vote November.

Chairman Tellinghuisen called for more comment, any more comment, finding none:

CAC: A motion was made by Dan Gravley, seconded by Kathy Nielson to recommend closing the public meeting for the dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board.

All in favor motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Lovgren to close the public hearing for the dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board.

All in favor, motion carried to close the public hearing at 9:35 a.m.

Invoices/Claims:

Public Notice claims for Kanabec Times and SRWMB website

Mille Lacs SWCD-\$31.00

Kanabec Times- \$33.21

CAC Recommendation: A motion was made by Kathy Nielson, seconded by Kevin Belholm to recommend approval of payments for the public notice as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Lovgren to approve payment of the public notices as presented.

All in favor motion carried.

Projects/Proposals: N/A

CAC Recommendation:

Board:

V. Old Business

VI. Updates

VII. Public Comment/Discussion

VIII. Adjourn:

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Lovgren, seconded by Commissioner Leiviska to adjourn the SRW Board meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wickeham

Coordinator/Recording Secretary SRWMB