



Joint Powers Entity

Board Meeting Minutes

Proceedings of the Mississippi River St. Cloud Watershed Entity Joint Powers Board held on November 6th, 2025. Diedrick called the meeting to order at 11:11 am

Date / Time:	November 6th, 2025 11:11 AM - 12:03 PM
Location:	Palmer Township Hall - 4180 105 th Ave, Clear Lake, MN 55319 Remote option available through Microsoft Teams
Officers:	Chair: Tina Diedrick, Vice Chair: Scott Johnson
Note Taker:	Francine Larson / Dan Cibulka
Website:	https://www.millelacsswcd.org/mississippi-river-st-cloud-watershed/
Voting Representatives Present:	Benton County - Scott Johnson*, Benton SWCD - Wade Bastian[1] Wright County - Tina Diedrick Sherburne County - Andrew Hulse, Sherburne County - Shelly Binsfeld Taryl Clark - Stearns County*, Tom Gregory - Stearns SWCD
Voting Representatives Absent:	Meeker County - Steve Schmitt, Meeker SWCD - Bob Schiefelbein Mille Lacs SWCD - Dan Campbell Wright SWCD - Chris Uecker
Alternate Representatives Present:	
Partners and Staff Present:	Benton SWCD - Mike McMillin Mille Lacs SWCD - Susan Shaw* Sherburne SWCD - Miranda Wagner*, Francine Larson, Dan Cibulka Stearns SWCD - Stephanie Hatzenbihler Wright SWCD - Alicia O'Hare

*Indicates virtual attendance

[1] Wade Bastian enters the meeting at 11:25 a.m.



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Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Chair Diedrick at 11:11 am.

A quorum was present. Chair Diedrick welcomed the Board and attending staff.

Agenda Item #2: Review and Approve Agenda

- Motion by Hulse, second by Binsfeld to approve the agenda as presented. Members voting in favor: Clark, Diedrick, Hulse, Johnson, Binsfeld, Gregory. Members opposed: None. Members Abstained: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #3: Review and Approve 08/07/2025 Meeting Minutes

Draft minutes were presented. Cibulka noted minor updates to partners and staff present.

- Motion by Johnson, second by Clark to approve the 08/07/2025 Meeting Minutes with updates as discussed. Members voting in favor: Clark, Diedrick, Hulse, Johnson, Binsfeld, Gregory. Members opposed: None. Members Abstained: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4: General Updates

Cibulka updated the Board on recent activities and anticipated future activities. Cibulka shared a single-page handout of statements from the partners on activities their individual offices have been involved with. The IPC has begun discussions on a plan tracking tool, pollutant reduction calculations standard procedure, and developing a soil health goal. Biggest task is preparation for developing the FY27 WBIF budget. Discussion about finding an attorney to represent the Entity as staff are having difficulty getting bids from firms. They will work to get more bids and bring this to the next board meeting. Cibulka asked the board if they have a preference for attorney selection process, which would be for staff to review proposals and bring a recommendation for the board, for the board to interview candidates, or other options. The board expressed consensus for staff to review attorney quotes/proposals and bring a recommendation forward. Binsfeld suggested that an agreement incorporate an initial one-year contract with five-year extension option.

Hatzenbihler reviewed the 8/1/2025 – 10/30/2025 financial reports. Discussion was had. Consensus was to continue to provide detailed financial statements.

Bastian joined the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Agenda Item #5: Consider Resolution 25-04

Hatzenbihler presented information regarding the Joint Powers Agreement with MCIT. Discussion was had. Budget reflects a \$5,000 expense. Hatzenbihler followed up during the meeting with the estimated MCIT premium rate of \$3,845.00

- Motion by Binsfeld, second by Bastian to accept Resolution 25-04 to execute the MCIT joint powers agreement contingent upon budget parameters. Members voting in favor: Bastian, Clark, Diedrick, Hulse, Johnson, Binsfeld, Gregory. Members opposed: None. Members Abstained: None. Motion carried.



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Agenda Item #6: Consider Conservation Reserve Program(CRP) Policy

Cibulka presented the draft CRP Policy discussing the payment rates and enrollment process. Discussion was had regarding the policy document and how it was developed. Hulse asked if the payment is on a per acre basis, Cibulka replied that it is indeed a payment per acre. The board was in agreement that this language be included to provide clarity.

- Motion by Hulse, second by Johnson to amend the MRSCWE Policies and Procedures document to include the addition of the CRP Incentive program contingent upon amendments to include per acre language and defined terms. Members voting in favor: Bastian, Clark, Diedrick, Hulse, Johnson, Binsfeld, Gregory. Members opposed: None. Members Abstained: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7: Review Proposed 2026 JPE Meeting Dates

Cibulka reviewed the proposed 2026 meeting dates and times. Clark noted a personal conflict with the current time and suggested a start time of 11:30 a.m. Board consensus is to continue meeting the first Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Proposed meeting dates are February 5, 2026, June 4, 2026, August 6 or September 3, 2026 and November 5, 2026.

Agenda Item #8: Adjourn

Chair Diedrick adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes approved by the MRSCWE JPE Board.

Diedrick A. Clark, Watershed Coordinator

Signature & Title

2-5-2026

Date

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Francine Larson on behalf of the Mississippi River St. Cloud Watershed Entity.