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AREA II & RCRCA Boards of Directors Meeting

August 4, 2016 – 9:00 AM – Redwood County Government Center – Redwood Falls, MN

AREA II Members Present: Norman Holmen, Joe Drietz, Rodney Stensrud, Bob Moline, Luke Johnson, and Lon Walling.

RCRCA Members Present: Jack Vogel, Norman Holmen, Clark Lingbeek, Joe Drietz, John Boulton, Rodney Stensrud, Mark Meulebroeck, Bob Moline, Paul Posthuma, Luke Johnson, Lon Walling, Ed Carter, and Burton Kuehn.

Others Present: Kerry Netzke – Executive Director, Joy Bruns – RCRCA Office Manager, Darrel Ellefson – LQP-YB WD, and Kaitlin Culver – SMBSC Environmental Department.

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

ADOPT AGENDA. Area II Chairman Johnson asked for any additions to the agenda. Motion by Moline, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS:

MASWCD – Supervisor Lingbeek reported that Local Government Water Roundtable meetings have been held recently. They support more Clean Water Funds to be delegated to 1W1P pilot projects. SWCDs may increase their funding as additional county allocations may be matched 1:1. The dollars must be used for something new or different, not to supplement existing activities. Local Government Water Roundtable Regional Buffer Workshops by AMC, MASWCD and MAWD are scheduled August 8th in Mankato, and August 29th in Marshall.

AMC – Commissioner Moline reported that the AMC Governance Committee conference call is this afternoon to discuss bylaws, term limits and board restructuring. AMC Policy Committees will meet on September 15 & 16.

MN RIVER CONGRESS (MRC) – Supervisor Lingbeek reported the Action Board will meet next Wednesday, August 10, at 1 PM at Pizza Ranch in Redwood Falls. The committee is forming policy for the November meeting. *Farmfest Legislative Panel* - Netzke, Johnson, Anderson and Lingbeek attended 2016 Farmfest hoping to hear answers on several issues when the Governor was scheduled to attend and be part of a panel discussion. The Governor was reported to be ill on that day and did not participate. The panel primarily discussed buffers although several panel members are much more concerned about WOTUS. Administrative penalty orders (\$500) were not discussed, nor have they been defined or determined.

LQP-YB – Ellefson reported on Level 2 PRAP being completed for the District by BWSR. Badly needed ditch improvements are starting with redeterminations being performed. The R-6 Reservoir upstream of Del Clark Lake has a tilting riser issue. The dam had been intentionally drained down by the District to relieve the pressure on the riser, however the Del Clark Park Manager discovered it 2/3 full as someone had closed a valve, causing it to fill up. Trail cameras have been set up to hopefully catch who is closing the valve. The slip liner for the Lazarus Creek Dam pipe has not been installed. It had been suggested that Houston Engineering survey the pipe joints to see if installation is possible. The District has been waiting as the firm is expensive to hire for that purpose alone. The office has been fielding many buffer questions.

YMRWD – Boulton reported that tile permits are still coming in, many are for pattern tiling. Two ditches are to be improved with construction planned for 2017. There are several requests for channel clearing. Two small dams were completed through Area II: Nordland 34 repair and Lake Stay 3. The Yellow Medicine 1W1P is a good model for the State; it makes sense and is a good consolidation of resources. YMRWD Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 18th in Taunton at 6:00 PM.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BEET SUGAR COOPERATIVE (SMBSC) – Kaitlin Culver reported that pre-harvest will begin August 9; full harvest starts in September. The coop is implementing BMPs at all of the pile sites. Staff is attending environmental events around the area. SMBSC has a weekly newsletter to the growers that we may utilize to advertise our programs, events, etc.

APPROVE AREA II MINUTES of July 7, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moline, to approve the July 2016 minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RCRCA MINUTES of July 7, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Vogel, to approve the July 2016 minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT. Netzke reviewed the financials with the Board for the first month of the fiscal year ending July 31. Motion by Walling, seconded by Drietz, to approve the financial report and the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RCRCA TREASURER’S REPORT. Netzke reviewed the financials with the Board for the month ending July 31. Billed and received \$2,400 for the MN Dept. of Ag Pesticide monitoring grant the period ending June 30. The expenses for the month were routine. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Meulebroeck, to approve the financial report and for payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Revenue from the following sources was recorded:

Canoe Rental	\$ -0-	Contract Services Income	\$ 1,073.60
Interest-Cash Sweep Acct/CD	\$ -0-	Interest-Checking Acct	\$ 30.98
Grant Funds	\$ 2,400.00	Miscellaneous Income	\$ -0-
Appropriations	\$ -0-	Dividend – MCIT	\$ -0-

Paid bills are summarized below:

Operations/Occupancy	\$ 1,709.54	Capital Outlay	\$ -0-
Promotion/Education	\$ 297.37	Contract Services-Moldestad	\$ 437.16
Monitoring/Evaluation	\$ 698.91	Personnel	\$ 8,347.33
Other Services & Charges	\$ 410.42	Travel Expenses	\$ 43.20
Project Costs	\$ 6,599.90	Contract Services-Area II	\$ 3,054.79

Approved bills for payment summarized below:

Contract Services – Area II	\$ -0-	Operations/Occupancy	\$ -0-
Monitoring/Evaluation	\$ -0-	Capital Outlay (Grant Related)	\$ -0-
Project Costs	\$ 41,361.23	Office Supplies	\$ -0-
Personnel	\$ -0-	Other Services & Charges	\$ -0-
Contract Services – BM	\$ -0-	Promotional Items-New Grant	\$ -0-

RCRCA CD Renewal Rates. RCRCA has a CD maturing on August 13 in the amount of \$100,000 which has earned \$601.64 interest to date. Bruns obtained a couple interest rates: 1) State Bank of Taunton, 0.30% interest for 12 months; Minnwest Bank, 0.85% for a term of 17 months. Netzke will check rates at Bank of the West/Pershing LLC next week. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Walling, to approve Netzke to invest \$100,000 for up to 18 months at 0.85%. If a better interest rate is found, Chairman Holman will be consulted. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA - APPROVE NEW COST SHARE APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS/CANCELLATIONS

NEW CONTRACTS: None

CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

COTTONWOOD WATERSHED:

CWF 51-01/CP319 30-06

Gary Veenstra

EST Cost: \$32,801.25

Additional Cost: \$ 4,041.55

Amended Cost: \$36,842.60

Brown – Stately 14

Water & Sediment Control Basin

EST Cost Share: \$24,600.94 (75%)

Additional Cost Share: \$ 3,031.16 (75%)

Amended Cost Share: \$27,632.10 (75%)

Netzke presented one contract for amendment: Brown – Stately 14 for a Water & Sediment Control Basin. Due to the type of soil, it was necessary to make the basin wider. Motion by Vogel, seconded by Lingbeek, to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENT:

COTTONWOOD WATERSHED:

CP319 38-07

David Vollmer

EST Cost: \$20,610.70

ACT Cost: \$18,305.50

Redwood – Lamberton 27

Streambank Stabilization

EST Cost Share: \$15,458.03 (75%)

REQ Cost Share: \$13,729.13 (75%)

CWF 51-01/CP319 30-06

Gary Veenstra

Amended Cost: \$36,842.60

ACT Cost: \$36,842.60

Brown – Stately 14

Water & Sediment Control Basin

Amended Cost Share: \$27,632.10 (75%)

REQ Cost Share: \$27,632.10 (75%)

Netzke presented two cost share contracts for payment: 1) Redwood – Lamberton 27 Streambank Stabilization with came in under the estimated cost, and 2) Brown – Stately 14 for a Water & Sediment Control Basin. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Vogel, to approve the cost share payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AREA II – APPROVE COST SHARE APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS/CANCELLATIONS

FY2016 Bonding

NEW CONTRACTS: None

CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

FY2016 Bonding

Netzke presented three amendments for approval: 1) Redwood – Upper Delhi 30_11-Flood Grade Stabilization Repair; 2) Lincoln – Lake Benton 5 Grade Stabilization Repair; and 3) Redwood – Gales 15 Irrigation Pond/Grade Stabilization. Motion made by Drietz, seconded by Moline, to approve the amended contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENT:

FY2016 Bond Funding

Netzke presented three cost share project payments for approval: 1) Redwood – Upper Delhi 30_11-Flood Grade Stabilization Repair; 2) Lincoln – Lake Benton 5 Grade Stabilization Repair; 3) Redwood – Gales 15 Irrigation Pond/Grade Stabilization. Motion by Moline, seconded by Holmen, to approve the cost share contract payments as presented contingent upon signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Netzke noted that the Honner 32 repair (*failed during the June 2014 flood event, seven months after completion*) has been completed and worked perfectly during the past two heavy rain events. Moline noted that the contractor was concerned about the final costs regarding seeding and erosion control performed by a subcontractor. Netzke stated that if additional payment to the contractor is necessary, it would be made upon receipt and review of the final bills which have not been provided to date. Ryan West Excavating has been issued payment of \$20,500 from Area II as approved by the board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Netzke will be taking vacation August 24 – 26, and September 2 (Minnesota State Fair)
- Netzke attended the Brown County Commissioners meeting on August 2 and will attend the Redwood County Commissioners meeting on August 16 for annual updates to the Boards.

AREA II

- Yellow Medicine **One Watershed, One Plan** ended the 60-day public comment period on July 15, 2016. Comments were received from the five state agencies and the Lower MN River Watershed District. A response spreadsheet was drafted by the Planning Work Group and approved by the Policy Committee with actions taken to the 60 total comments. The Public Hearing was held August 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Southwest Sportsmen's Club in Minneota with 23 people in attendance. Additional testimony was heard; the Policy Committee responded to the comments from one testifier. Following final edits, the Plan will be submitted to BWSR and the state agencies by September 1 for a 90-day review prior to BWSR Board approval. Netzke will complete the minor edits and then forward the document to RESPEC for more technical editing and map incorporation. The Policy Committee approved the RESPEC payment with the same conditions as Area II's approval for final Plan delivery and receipt of all deliverables before payment is issued.
- The Biennial Plan was approved by the BWSR Southern Region Water Plan Committee on July 27, and was forwarded to the BWSR Board for approval on August 24. A grant agreement for \$140,000 should be ready for signature by early September.
- Hauschild-Thange Reservoir: A Conditional Use Permit hearing was held July 20 on a proposed gravel mine adjacent to the reservoir, approximately 60' from the water edge. Two conditions of the CUP were: 1) obtain a permit from the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District, and 2) obtain a site specific NPDES permit. Area II has been working closely with YMRWD to ensure that appropriate erosion control measures are installed to protect the reservoir and to obtain answers to questions that remain, such as the time frame of the open pit.

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- A BWSR Listening Session with BWSR Executive Director, John Jaschke was held in Marshall on July 13. Many topics were covered and were summarized with the Boards.
- Full-Time Engineer for Area II/RCRCA – A call was received asking about the possibility of a full-time engineer serving both organizations. Most of the member SWCDs are in need of technical services, and more specifically, professional engineering services. Currently, both part-time engineers are 'semi-retired' and cannot provide the level of services that the SWCDs are looking for. This should be a discussion between the Boards for future planning as current budget levels do not allow for an additional employee. If Area II's annual appropriation could be increased to \$189,000 as it was previously, it may be possible to hire a full-time professional engineer. No additional match would be needed from the member counties. The engineer would provide job approval authority on projects for Area II, RCRCA and the SWCDs.
- The RFP for FY2017 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants is now open until August 8. Netzke drafted an application which was provided to Pat Dingels, RACD on July 28 for preliminary review.

Netzke noted that at the Brown County Commissioners meeting, the sluice gate on the dam is stuck and they are seeking assistance to remedy the situation. The Wellner-Hageman dam was constructed in 1992 and annual inspections indicate that gates/valves are to be opened yearly by the owner to ensure proper operation. Vogel stated that he has never seen the gate opened.

SET DATE AND LOCATION OF LEGISLATIVE GATHERING, NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING.

Netzke asked the board for recommendation on a date to hold the event and the location. Discussion followed on last year's meeting at The Caboose which was a nice facility and location, however the meal was poor. Consensus was to hold the meeting on November 12 and for Bruns to obtain quotes from Jackpot Junction, Wabasso Community Center (with caterer), Saloon 59 in Garvin, and The Caboose in Tracy. Netzke has suggested that Emily Javens be the featured

presenter to demonstrate the Scenario Application Manager (SAM) and how the software, along with Terrain Analysis data, can be used to pinpoint potential field-scale project locations.

AREA II ENGINEER’S REPORT.

Netzke reviewed the Area II Engineer’s report with the board.

RCRCA CLEAN WATER FUND GRANT APPLICATION.

Netzke is basing the new application on the successful FY 2013 grant application written by Goodrich. It has been revised for BMPs and incorporates cost-share for cover crops targeting growers/acres provided by SMBSC. Netzke is continuing to work on the grant and it is expected that the grant request will be in the range of \$250,000-\$300,000. The grant application is due on August 8 at 4:30 PM. Walling requested that we look into having the charges run through Redwood County as RADC members have a lower rate for Pat Dingels’ services.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Murray County. Moline stated that there is a lot of interest in placing tile in open ditches and then closing them up to bypass the buffer requirements.

Area II – Executive Committee Meeting. Netzke provided the Area II Directors with an evaluation sheet to fill out and mail to Vice Chairman Potter; absent Directors will be mailed the evaluations. Moline will be the alternate for Chairman Johnson as he cannot attend on September 1. The Area II Executive Board will meet at 8:30 AM on September 1 (before the monthly meeting) to review the evaluations with Netzke.

ADJOURNMENT. With no other business to address, Chairman Holmen and Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:59 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

September Board Meeting	Thursday, September 1, 2016 BWSR Conference Room – Marshall, MN – 9:00 AM
October Board Meeting	FRIDAY, October 7, 2016 Redwood Government Center, Redwood Falls, MN – 9:00AM
November Board Meeting	SATURDAY, Nov. 12, 2016 Location and time to be determined