



MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 22, 2024

The meeting of the Lake of the Woods Watershed Joint Powers Board was held at the Warroad Public Safety Building.

The meeting was called to order by JPB Vice-Chair, Bill Thompson at 9:10 a.m.

Joint Powers Board Members present: Bill Thompson, Glenda Phillipe, Nancy Dunnell, Ed Arnesen

Others present: Janine Lovold, Corryn Trask, Ericka Halstensgard, AJ Pirkl

Agenda

A motion was made by Dunnell with a second by Phillipe to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Thompson, Phillipe, Dunnell, Arnesen Opposed: None Motion carried.

Secretaries Report: April 10, 2023 Minutes

The April 22, 2024 Minutes were approved on a motion by Dunnell and a second by Phillipe.

Affirmative: Thompson, Phillipe, Dunnell, Arnesen Opposed: None Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial reports were reviewed and discussed. The Reports were approved as subject to an audit on a motion by Phillipe with a second by Arnesen.

Affirmative: Thompson, Phillipe, Dunnell, Arnesen Opposed: None Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

FY24-03 LW SWCD Forest Management Plan Cost-Share Cooperator Agreement

CA #	PARTNER	PROJECT	ALLOCATION
24-03	LOW SWCD	Forest Management Plan Cost-Share	\$16,000.00

The Cooperator Agreement with Lake of the Woods SWCD was approved on a motion by Dunnell with a second by Arnesen.

Affirmative: Thompson, Phillipe, Dunnell, Arnesen Opposed: None Motion carried.

FY24-04 Warroad Watershed District Streambank Projects Cooperator Agreement

CA #	PARTNER	PROJECT	ALLOCATION
24-04	WWD	Streambank Projects	\$190,000.00

The FY24-04 Streambanks Cooperator Agreement with the Warroad Watershed District was approved on a motion by Phillippe with a second by Dunnell.

Affirmative: Thompson, Phillipe, Dunnell, Arnesen Opposed: None Motion carried.

FY22 Grant Deadline To Spend Funds

Trask and Lovold discussed. FY22 funds must be spent by the end of the year or be sent back to the State of MN. If funding is spent into the remaining 10% of the grant, partners must cover the cost until the funding is completely spent out and a final audit completed or the WBIF Grant expires. The Implementation Committee is authorized to determine fund shift if it is necessary to complete the adjustment prior to the next regular meeting on a motion by Arnesen with a second by Dunnell.

Affirmative: Thompson, Phillipe, Dunnell, Arnesen Opposed: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Phillipe mentioned that the Ditch 10 SWI Projects are not going to happen due to unwilling landowners.

General Information and Discussion

Soil Health Funding Updates

Trask and Lovold discussed the Soil Health Funds coming into the SWCD by the State of MN being a lot less than anticipated and too little to stretch across each County. Multiple conservation practices besides cover crops will be utilizing these funds at least in Roseau County. The non-structural agricultural practices may be added into the FY26 WBIF Work Plan.

Hydrology Restoration: JD 62 Wetland Banking Feasibility Study

Pirkl discussed various scenarios. HDR would be used as they had recently been through this before with a peatland study in the Roseau River Watershed. The study would be built on the HEI model that was completed in the WWD peatland study. More details such as where projects would be located and defined ratios of state land, tribal land, and county land would need to be done when presenting to the Army Corps of Engineers. Wetland credits would be split on the ratio. The Study will be discussed more at a future board meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Next Meeting

- October 28, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. on a motion by Arnesen with a second by Phillipe.

Affirmative: Dunnell, Thompson, Arnesen, Phillipe Opposed: None Motion carried.

Nancy Dunnell
Secretary

10-28-24
Date