

AREA II

AREA II / RCRCA

**December 2, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
Redwood County Learning Center – Redwood Falls, MN**

AREA II Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Larry Anderson, John Maatz, Gary Crowley, Luke Johnson, Rick Wakefield and Glen Kack.

RCRCA Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Mark Wellner, Larry Anderson, Clark Lingbeek, Glen Sorensen, Gary Crowley, Mark Meulebroeck, Paul Posthuma, Luke Johnson, Rick Wakefield, Ed Carter and Glen Kack.

Others Present: Kerry Netzke – Executive Director, and Joy Bruns – RCRCA Office Manager.

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

ADOPT AGENDA. Chairman Johnson asked for any additions to the Agenda. Maatz requested moving Item 11 (Area II JPO Agreement Renewal) to Item 9. **RCRCA** - Motion by Crowley, seconded by Meulebroeck, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote. **Area II** - Motion by Crowley, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS.

AREA V MASWCD – Supervisor Lingbeek reported that the Area V meeting in Marshall last week was good. Carrie Jennings from the Freshwater Society presented virtually on floodwater storage in the Minnesota River Valley. The Annual Convention will be in-person on December 13-14 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Bloomington.

AMC – Chairman Johnson reported that the Annual Conference will be in-person on December 5-8 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Bloomington. Attendance is questionable due to COVID-19 resurgence.

LQP-YB Watershed District – Chairman Maatz reported that the LQP County Commissioners had voted against a DNR land acquisition. The Land Exchange Board, which has a history of always voting against counties, voted against LQP County. The acquisition removes even more tillable land in the county. The Walz Administration seems more approachable than the Dayton Administration as they support landowners having the right to sell to any party that they wish, including the DNR. DNR readily admits that they have more property than they can maintain, yet they continue to acquire more every year.

APPROVE RCRCA MINUTES of November 2021 Board Meeting. Motion by Wellner, seconded by Veerkamp, to approve the November 2021 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

APPROVE AREA II MINUTES of November 2021 Board Meeting. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the November 2021 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

APPROVE RCRCA TREASURER’S REPORT – November 2021. Financials were reviewed with the Board. Motion by Veerkamp, seconded by Posthuma, to file the November 2021 Treasurer’s Report subject to audit and to authorize payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

APPROVE AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT – November 2021. Financials were reviewed with the Board. Revenue Received: \$4,058.95 Contract Services Income, \$105,522.09 Bonding Reimbursement, \$30,000.00 Lyon County, \$698.74 Other Income (\$672.00 MCIT dividend, \$26.74 RCRCA reimbursement), and \$13.58 Interest. Bill for approval: Bolton & Menk, Inc. \$1,672.00. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Kack, to file the November 2021 Treasurer’s Report subject to audit and approve payment of the bill. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Revenue as recorded:

Contract Service Income (RCRCA)	\$ 4,193.13	Projects-Bonding	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 17.79	County Levy	\$ 0.00
State of MN-Administrative	\$ 140,000.00	SWCD Tech Assistance	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 93.00	Special Project Funds	\$ 30,000.00

Paid bills are summarized below:

Administration	\$ 15,968.43	Office Supplies	\$ 17.64
Bonding Project Funds	\$ 0.00	Other Insurance	\$ 0.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 0.00	Postage	\$ 0.00
Contract Services - RCRCA	\$ 1,712.92	Professional Services	\$ 4,864.00
Directors’ Expense	\$ 0.00	Project Expenses Paid	\$ 0.00
Directors’ Insurance	\$ 0.00	Project Permit Fees	\$ 0.00
Employee Expense	\$ 50.84	Rent	\$ 837.00
Field Supplies	\$ 0.00	Telephone	\$ 28.13
Investigating & Testing	\$ 0.00	Utilities	\$ 0.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 188.67	Vehicle Expense	\$ 278.30
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 714.01	Continuing Education	\$ 125.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00		

Bill for approval:

Professional Fees	\$ 1,672.00
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AREA II – APPROVE COST SHARE CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENT.

FY2019 Bonding

Fultz Farms
EST Cost: \$435,955.55

Springdale 19 – Redwood

410 Grade Stabilization
EST Cost Share: **\$326,933.66 (75.00%)**
Bonding C/S: \$322,393.29 (73.95%)
Area II Counties: \$4,540.37 (1.05%)

(Addn Area II Counties: \$ 7,500.00)

<u>Wetland Credits/Fees</u>	
ACT Cost: \$140,696.13	<u>Bonding C/S: \$105,522.09 (75%)</u>
	Lyon County \$ 30,000.00 (21%)
	Area II Counties \$ 5,174.04 (4%)

<u>Construction – Partial Payment #1</u>	
ACT Cost: \$314,113.66	<u>Bonding C/S: \$ 216,871.20 (69%)</u>
	Locals \$ 97,242.46 (31%)
NOTE: Partial Payment #2 (FINAL) will be 100% Local Funds; projected to come in ~\$10,000 less than estimate.	

Netzke presented the Springdale 19 – Redwood project for Partial Payment #1 in the amount of \$216,871.20 which will use the remainder of the bonding funds. The final payment will be made entirely with local funds. Motion by

Crowley, seconded by Wakefield, to approve the partial payment for Springdale 19 – Redwood. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA – APPROVE CWF COST SHARE APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS/CANCELLATIONS.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

CWF-2021-05		
Landuyt Land & Livestock	Holly 3 - Murray	410 Grade Stabilization
EST Cost: \$98,867.92		EST Cost Share: \$74,150.94 (75%)
		CWF C/S: \$18,537.74 (25%)
		319 Funds \$55,613.20 (50%)
Amended Cost: \$108,745.52		Amended C/S: \$81,559.14 (75.00%)
		CWF C/S: \$25,945.94 (31.81%)
		319 Funds \$55,613.20 (43.19%)

An amendment was necessary due to a 24% increase in pipe cost amounting to \$8,015.00 and \$1,862.60 of miscellaneous couplers, tees, and connections relating to the drain tile work. Total amended cost is \$9,877.60.

CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENT:

CWF-2021-08		
Eric Fultz	Springdale 22 - Redwood	638 WSCB
EST Cost: \$13,187.00		EST Cost Share: \$9,980.25
ACT Cost: \$13,187.00		ACT Cost Share: \$9,890.25 (75%)
		CWF C/S: \$1,978.05 (15%)
		319 Funds \$7,912.20 (60%)

CWF-2021-04		
Landuyt Land & Livestock	Holly 3 - Murray	410 Grade Stabilization
Amended Cost: \$108,745.52		Amended C/S: \$81,559.14
ACT Cost: \$108,745.52		ACT C/S: \$81,559.14 (75.00%)
		CWF C/S: \$25,945.94 (31.81%)
		319 Funds \$55,613.20 (43.19%)

Netzke presented one contract amendment for: Holly 3 – Murray 410 Grade Stabilization and two contracts for payment: Springdale 22 – Redwood 638 WSCB and Holly 3 – Murray 410 Grade Stabilization. Motion by Posthuma, seconded by Carter, to approve the contract amendment and payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

AREA II JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RENEWAL – FOR SIGNATURE. Netzke presented the renewal to the board members for signature. The two remaining signatures (Lincoln and Murray) will be obtained by the end of December.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.

- **BWSR Water Storage and Treatment Program** – Dave Weirens, BWSR Assistant Director for Programs & Policy, spoke at the Area V MASWCD meeting in Marshall on November 18 to present the public survey results for the \$2M appropriated to BWSR for this new program. 207 responses were received. Responses included: priority for the storage projects should be the water quality benefit; funds should be used for construction and design services; projects should be selected with the greatest reduction in peak flows followed by feasibility and readiness. BWSR will take these results into consideration as they work to develop the RFP due in Spring 2022.

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- **2022 Bonding Request** – Area II’s bonding request will be \$1.5 million. Senator Dahms and Representative Torkelson will author the language.
- **LQP-YB 1W1P** – Steering Team and Policy Committee meetings were held virtually on November 16. Houston Engineering has created a unique way to incorporate the public survey results with the oral comments from the public meeting to organize the issues. The Advisory Committee will meet for the first time in December to help prioritize the issues.

RCRCA

- **Lake Redwood Dredging** – Work this month included:
 - 1) **2021 Construction Update:**
 - a. The FlexaMat (anchored concrete matting) placed on the CDF Emergency Overflow has been rejected. It was not installed according to manufacturer’s directions and the manufacturer will not stand behind the warranty with the as-is condition. HEI is drafting a memo regarding the rejection. We await Brennan/MCC’s resolution to this.
 - b. Pipe has been placed through all driveways, roads and field approaches. Asphalt has been replaced. Mingen Construction has jack-and-bored the steel casing under Hwy 19. No work is planned for the week of Thanksgiving. The next Weekly Progress meeting will be November 30 where shutting down for winter will be discussed.
 - c. Netzke has spoken to some residents who live along County Highway 17 who have had nothing but compliments on the work by Brennan/MCC/Mingen. The work has been quick, and with no mess left behind. Netzke passed these compliments onto the contractor.
 - 2) **Partial Payment No. 1:** HEI has reviewed and approved Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$206,318.39. None of the FlexaMat work is included and 5% retainage is withheld.
- **Funeral for Larry Fenicle** – A plant was provided for the funeral of Larry Fenicle, Pipestone SWCD Supervisor and board member of RCRCA. Larry passed away on November 20, 2021.
- **Pell Creek CWF Grant Application** – RCRCA/Redwood SWCD’s application scored high enough to be ranked for funding consideration. The BWSR Board will announce awards at their December 22 meeting. \$22 million in requests were received for the \$12.5 million available.

AREA II – ENGINEER’S REPORT.

Springdale 19 Dam, Redwood County. R & G Construction has nearly completed all the work on this project. Due to freezing conditions, the final grading and seeding could not be completed, and will be finished next spring.

Del Clark Lake Sediment Ponds, Yellow Medicine County. We are working on the final payment for this project and have provided the contractor with a punch list of final work to be completed. This work should be completed by month end.

Perch Lake Outlet, Lincoln County. We have completed a report for Lincoln County on the feasibility of extending a tile to this lake to act as an outlet. A survey has been completed by the County and we are preparing plans for the project which will include boring under the township roadway.

Shaokatan 31 Small Dam Repair, Lincoln County. Design work is nearly completed for this dam repair. The pond behind the dam is used primarily for cattle watering and has insufficient capacity to store water. As part of the project, the dam is proposed to be raised and the outlet pipe replaced. A meeting with the landowner will be scheduled during the winter months.

Fortier 24 Small Dam Repair, Yellow Medicine County. With financial assistance from the LQP-YB WD, the landowner has finally agreed to proceed with this project. The plans will be finalized and bids will be received in the spring of 2022. This project will allow the LQP-YB WD to fully utilize the CWF grant with an extension.

Springdale 24 Small Dam, Redwood County. We have completed the preliminary design for this dam just northwest of Walnut Grove. The site is just off Plum Creek and offers good flood reduction for the drainage area which includes a portion of the City. The cost estimated is about \$180,000 and the landowner has indicated a willingness to proceed. The City of Walnut Grove is searching for grant funding to assist with the local portion of the cost. Soil borings will be arranged this winter.

Amiret 28 Diversion, Lyon County. Towne and Country Construction recently completed work on this project.

Alta Vista 27 Road Retention, Lincoln County. We are in the early design stages for this road retention project. Our intent is to develop a preliminary plan and cost estimate so that information can be presented to the township to determine if they want to proceed.

Chairman Maatz adjourned the Area II portion of the meeting at 9:45 AM as he needed to leave for another meeting. He will be on vacation in January and requested Vice Chairman Kack to assume chairman duties.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

January Board Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022	Lyon County Courthouse
February Board Meeting	Thursday, Feb 3, 2022	Redwood County Learning Center

_____ John Maatz, AREA II Chairman	_____ Date
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