

AREA II

AREA II / RCRCA

March 10, 2023 – Executive Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

NOTE: Roll Call Voting on all motions.

AREA II Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Larry Anderson, and Gary Crowley.

RCRCA Members Present: Clark Lingbeek, Joe Drietz, Gary Crowley, Mark Meulebroeck, Paul Posthuma, and Luke Johnson.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by RCRCA Chairman Johnson and Area II Chairman Anderson.

ADOPT AGENDA. No additions were made to the agenda. **RCRCA** - Motion by Crowley, seconded by Drietz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Area II** - Motion by Crowley, seconded by Veerkamp, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS.

MASWCD – Lingbeek reported that the MASWCD Day at the Capitol was held on March 6th. Local government aid stemming from general funds remains the legislative priority. Support for this funding gets better each year.

AMC – Johnson reported that the recent AMC conference was held virtually due to weather conditions.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL - RCRCA MINUTES of February 2023 Board Meeting. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Drietz, to recommend approval of the February 2023 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL - AREA II MINUTES of February 2023 Board Meeting. Motion by Crowley, seconded by Anderson, to recommend approval of the February 2023 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL - RCRCA TREASURER’S REPORT – February 2023. Financials were reviewed with the Board. Motion by Posthuma, seconded by Lingbeek, to recommend approval to file the February 2023 Treasurer’s Report subject to audit and payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL - AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT – February 2023. Financials were reviewed with the Board. Revenue received: \$3,946.97 Contract Services Income, and \$480.64 Interest. Bills for approval: \$5,323.50 Bolton & Menk, \$1,460.13 DLT Solutions and \$3,314.00 Peterson Company LTD. Motion by Crowley, seconded by Veerkamp, to recommend approval to file the February 2023 Treasurer’s Report subject to audit and to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Revenue as recorded:

Contract Service Income (RCRCA)	\$ 3,946.97	Projects-Bonding	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 480.64	County Levy	\$ 0.00
State of MN-Administrative	\$ 0.00	SWCD Tech Assistance	\$ 0.00
Water Quality Storage Grant	\$ 0.00	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0.00

Paid bills are summarized below:

Administration	\$ 16,590.87	Office Supplies	\$ 0.00
Bonding Project Funds	\$ 0.00	Other Insurance	\$ 0.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 0.00	Postage	\$ 83.40
Contract Services - RCRCA	\$ 1,509.08	Professional Services	\$ 6,417.00
Directors’ Expense	\$ 0.00	Project Expenses Paid	\$ 0.00

Directors' Insurance	\$ 0.00	Project Permit Fees	\$ 0.00
Employee Expense	\$ 0.00	Rent	\$ 837.00
Field Supplies	\$ 0.00	Telephone	\$ 57.74
Investigating & Testing	\$ 0.00	Utilities	\$ 0.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 129.46	Vehicle Expense	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 0.00	Continuing Education	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00		

Bills for approval:

Professional Services	\$ 8,637.50	Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,460.13
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Office carpets were shampooed over the President's Day holiday. The Lyon SWCD staff will be moving out of our office and into the SWCD office by mid-March.

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• **Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank 1W1P** The final Plan has been submitted to BWSR for approval. The Policy Committee met via Zoom on February 22 to address items for implementation. The BWSR Southern Region Water Plan Committee was scheduled to meet February 23, however the blizzard caused postponement. This meeting is rescheduled for March 13 as the Plan approval will be on the March 23 BWSR Board agenda.

RCRCA

• **Lake Redwood Dredging Update** Houston Engineering has asked if RCRCA/City of Redwood Falls have any tasks, beyond the final payment processing for JF Brennan, which are expected of them. A spreadsheet from Houston was shared showing their expenses to date, write-offs, and overage. Netzke agrees that Houston is entitled to the overage as well as expenses related to the unexpected Stormwater Construction Permit needed for Phase 2 Dredging. Netzke has contacted the City of Redwood Falls to inquire about any other tasks that Houston should address prior to project closeout. Once this discussion takes place, a Change Order will be drafted for the Board's review and approval.

• **Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P**

- 1) We finally received the executed grant agreement for the \$253,000 planning funds on February 24. ELINK, BWSR's reporting system, is undergoing a large update starting end of the day on February 24 and will be unavailable for one week. The 50% upfront payment of \$126,500 is expected soon. No reimbursable work on the grant could begin until the agreement was executed. UPDATE: The grant funding arrived on March 6.
- 2) The Policy Committee (PC) has been established with appointed delegates and alternates. Now that the grant is executed, Netzke will contact the PC to schedule the first meeting in March with a Doodle Poll sent to each delegate to help select suitable dates. UPDATE: That Doodle Poll was emailed out on March 8 looking for available dates the first 3 weeks of April.

• **Inventory.** Staff have been updating the inventory which includes the storage unit in Redwood Falls. It is hoped to dispose of unneeded/unused supplies to potentially eliminate the need for the storage unit.

• **Middle MN-Mankato WRAPS Cycle 2.** MPCA has proposed the site locations to sample for Cycle 2 sampling (2024-2025), of which 3 were sampled by RCRCA in Cycle 1. Renville SWCD plans to sample one of these 3 sites as part of Birch Cooley Creek. RCRCA will request to sample the other 2 proposed sites, plus request 2 additional sites to be reassessed due to insufficient findings in Cycle 1: Wabasha Creek and Crow Creek. Wabasha Creek flows through Dakota Ridge Golf Course while Crow Creek is on the southeast side of Redwood Falls where all the new development is occurring (hospital, veterans' cemetery, Quick Trip, etc.). MPCA's Monitoring Request Form was due March 7. Once final sampling sites are decided, the Surface Water Assessment Grants (SWAG) will be issued to the sampling partners in June/July 2023.

• **Cottonwood & Redwood WRAPS/TMDL Updates** To date, the Cottonwood WRAPS and TMDL are both approved. The Redwood WRAPS and TMDL went on 30-day public notice on February 21.

AREA II ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Springdale 24 Small Dam, Redwood County. Northern Natural Gas has finally responded that they will accept the construction of this dam downstream from their gas line crossing. They do want a document recorded on the property to make future owners aware of this approval. We are completing the plans and expect to submit the

permit applications within the next few weeks. **Monroe Water and Sediment Basins, Lyon County.** The Monroe 17 and 22 projects were not completed and will be carried over to 2023. **Holly 10 Small Dam, Murray County.** Plans and permit applications for this project are nearly completed and the project has been submitted for DNR, Corps and WCA permits. The Corps has requested additional information which we have responded to. Also, the Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the MPCA is being addressed. This COE permit will be a Standard Individual Permit as Letters of Permission have been discontinued. **Holly 11 Small Dam, Murray County.** At the request of the Redwood SWCD, this project was rebid on February 16. The low bidder was again A&C Excavating at \$126,659.70, which was about \$7,000 lower than their November bid. The second bid was Ryan West Excavating at \$126,864.07 and the engineer's estimate was \$128,246.75. The owner has accepted the low bid. **Holly 21 Dam Repair, Murray County.** At the request of the landowner, the project has been redesigned to incorporate two smaller sediment berms and a main dam. We met with the landowner recently he wants to look at the site and consider his options. **Lake Marshall 28 Small Dam Repair, Lyon County.** The project has been bid, but construction was delayed to Spring 2023 due to unavailability of concrete pipe. **Lynd 13 Streambank Stabilization, Lyon County.** At the request of the DNR, the riprap bank has been moved further into the bank. The landowner has now received his permit for the project. **Nordland 8 Small Dam Repair, Lyon County.** Plans are nearly complete for this project. The existing small dike has reportedly been leaking causing a draw-down of the pond. The project would excavate a core trench under the dike and install clay to try and stop the seepage, as well as install a new outlet pipe. Lyon SWCD may have funding for this project. **Holly 4 Small Dam, Murray County.** Preliminary design for this project is completed. The dam site would be adjacent to an unnamed protected waters stream and in a potential wetland area. We are hoping to design the dam as a conservation project to minimize wetland impacts and to provide a field crossing for the landowner. We will meet with the landowner soon. **Lynd 2 Small Dam, Lyon County.** We have completed preliminary design work on this relatively small dam. We have met with the landowner, and he would like to proceed. He would need to purchase some property to make the project feasible and is checking with neighboring landowner. **Lake Shaokatan Dam, Lincoln County.** We have submitted preliminary plans for this structure to DNR Dam Safety with a location of the dam closer to the lake. The DNR has provided comments with several statutory requirements needing to be satisfied to allow moving the dam. These changes will increase the cost significantly. This information has been shared with Lincoln County for a decision whether to proceed, or plan to replace the dam in its current location. **Island Lake 3 Road Retention, Lyon County.** The soils report reveals sand under the roadway, but the full depth of the sand layer was not determined in the field. The Board approved additional soil borings by AET to determine the depth of the sand layer and determine if the project is still economically feasible. AET is planning to do those borings in the near future. **Florida 15 Dam Repair, Yellow Medicine County.** Design work is nearly completed for this dam repair. This is a typical repair of an old SCS dam with a corroded outlet pipe, serious erosion on the dam, and trees to be removed. We met with the landowner, and he would like to proceed. **Nordland 6 Dam Repair, Lyon County.** We have started on the design for this dam repair – another dam with a corroded outlet pipe and serious erosion of the dam. The landowner would like to proceed once funding is secured from the Yellow Medicine 1W1P. **Sodus 9 Dam Repair, Lyon County.** Design work is nearly complete for this dam repair. The project involves extensive raising of the dam and emergency spillway work, and will be more expensive than typical repairs. We are waiting to hear if EQIP funding is available for this project. **Lamberton 30 Road Retention, Redwood County.** The preliminary design revealed that the size of the watershed and limited amount of storage at this road crossing will not substantially reduce downstream flows. The project will likely not proceed. **Dovray 16 Small Dam, Murray County.** We are in the preliminary design phase for this project. The dam would be located on an unnamed stream and should have good storage characteristics.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION – AREA II.

Yesterday, Netzke testified virtually for sf 542 (administrative funding increasing \$140,000/year to \$190,000/year) for the Senate Environment, Climate and Legacy Committee. Testimony went well and the bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. The language has been introduced as sf 542 and hf 793; both bills have been referred to their respective environmental committees. No House hearing has been scheduled to date.

Netzke is scheduled to testify on March 14 for sf 541 requesting \$1.5 million of bonding funds. That language has been introduced as sf 541 and hf 794; both bills were referred to Capital Investment. No House hearing has been scheduled to date.

RCRCA – Lake Redwood Dredging: Houston Engineering Change Order #1 – DISCUSSION. Netzke met virtually with Houston Engineering and the City of Redwood Falls to discuss needed tasks prior to project closeout. Houston Engineering has compiled a list of items that they furnished and plan to finish by project end that were outside of their contract with RCRCA. A draft Change Order was presented with those tasks and costs. The Executive Board and Netzke discussed these items which included the virtual Industry Day to attract bidders, the unexpected NPDES permit for the CDF, planned lake bathymetry (underwater survey) in Summer 2023, and project closeout including final Change Order and Final Payment to JF Brennan Company. The Change Order will be brought to the full board at the April 6 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

With no other business, Chairman Johnson and Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 AM.

The next meeting will be on April 6, 2023 at the Redwood County Learning Center, Redwood Falls, MN – 9 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

April Board Meeting	Thursday, April 6, 2023	Redwood County Learning Center
May Board Meeting	Thursday, May 4, 2023	Lyon County Government Center
June Board Meeting	Thursday, June 1, 2023	Redwood County Learning Center

Larry Anderson, Area II Chairman

Date