

AREA II

AREA II / RCRCA

January 5, 2026 – Board of Directors Meeting
Lyon County Government Center, Marshall, MN
In-Person and Virtual*

**Roll Call Votes on all motions*

AREA II Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Larry Anderson, Greg Thole, Joe Drietz*, Gary Crowley, Loy Woelber, Luke Johnson, and Glen Kack.

RCRCA Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Bill Eckstein, Larry Anderson, Dave Bucklin*, Joe Drietz*, Ron Bunjer, Gary Crowley, Allen Deutz*, Loy Woelber, Paul Posthuma, Luke Johnson, Brad Kruisselbrink, Brian Timm*, and Glen Kack.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by RCRCA Chairman Johnson and Area II Chairman Anderson. A quorum was present for both organizations. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Netzke introduced Dave Bucklin who is replacing Clark Lingbeek from Cottonwood SWCD. Dave shared his background as a 30+ year retired employee of the district who is very familiar with the organizations.

ADOPT AGENDA. Rescheduling the March meeting due to a conflict with AMC was added to the Agenda. **RCRCA** – Motion by Veerkamp, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. **Area II** - Motion by Crowley, seconded by Thole, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS.

AMC – The annual Drainage Conference will be 1/27/2026 at the Arrowwood in Alexandria. The Legislative Conference is 3/4-3/5/2026 in St. Paul.

DNR – A discussion was had concerning which counties are allowing rifle use for deer hunting in addition to shotguns. The commissioners shared the decisions made, or to be

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made, with the nine counties being split between rifle and shotgun use. Individual landowners have the right to allow or disallow rifle use on their property.

YELLOW MEDICINE 1W1P – This morning, the Policy Committee passed a Resolution to extend the existing Plan one year to 12/31/2027. MPCA has not been able to complete the WRAPS and TMDL which provides crucial information in the determination of prioritizing the same subwatersheds or refocusing conservation efforts to new subwatersheds. With agency review/comment periods and a public hearing required for the new Plan, it was felt that completion by 12/31/2026 may not be achievable.

APPROVE RCRCA MINUTES of December 2025 Board Meeting. Motion by Posthuma, seconded by Woelber, to approve December 2025 Minutes as presented. Motion carried, Bucklin abstained.

APPROVE RCRCA MINUTES of December 22, 2025 Executive Board Meeting. Motion by Posthuma, seconded by Crowley, to approve December 22, 2025 Minutes as presented. Motion carried, Bucklin abstained.

APPROVE AREA II MINUTES of December 2025 Board Meeting. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Veerkamp, to approve December 2025 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA TREASURER’S REPORT – December 2025. Year-end financials were reviewed with the board. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Eckstein, to approve December 2025 Treasurer’s Report subject to audit and to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT – December 2025. Financials were reviewed with the board. Revenue received: \$ 4,679.07 Contract Services Income, \$3,106.54 Interest Income, \$11,022.50 Technical Assistance, \$12,167.50 Project Reimbursements and \$6,835.06 Miscellaneous Income (MHC settlement for Health Insurance). Bills for approval: \$5,887.50 Bolton & Menk and \$6,452.00 MCIT annual insurance. Motion by Veerkamp, seconded by Crowley, to approve December 2025 Treasurer’s Report subject to audit and to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Revenue as recorded:

Contract Service Income (RCRCA)	\$ 4,679.07	Projects-MMB General Fund	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 3,106.54	County Levy	\$ 0.00

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State of MN-Admin Services	\$	0.00	Tech Assist/Misc.	\$	17,857.56
Water Quality & Storage Grants	\$	0.00	Soil Borings Reimburse	\$	0.00

Paid bills are summarized below:

Administration	\$	25,767.74	Office Supplies	\$	0.00
Bonding Project Funds	\$	0.00	Other Insurance	\$	0.00
Capital Outlay	\$	0.00	Postage	\$	0.00
Contract Services - RCRCA	\$	1,988.42	Professional Services	\$	8,615.00
Directors' Expense	\$	0.00	Project Expenses Paid	\$	0.00
Directors' Insurance	\$	0.00	Project Permit Fees	\$	138.00
Employee Expense	\$	152.60	Rent	\$	837.00
Field Supplies	\$	0.00	Telephone	\$	61.35
Investigating & Testing	\$	0.00	Utilities-Web Hosting	\$	0.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$	232.57	Vehicle Expense	\$	115.01
Miscellaneous Expense	\$	13.00	Continuing Education	\$	0.00
Insurance	\$	0.00	Investigation & Testing	\$	0.00

Bill for approval:

Professional Services	\$	5,595.00	Maintenance & Repair	\$	0.00
Project Costs	\$	0.00	Insurance	\$	0.00

RCRCA CONSENT AGENDA – Designate 2026 Banking Institution as HomeTown Bank.

Authorize RCRCA Office Manager to Execute Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) for RCRCA. Designate Executive Director as RCRCA Grant Signatory. Authorize Executive Director to sign Documents on behalf of RCRCA. Motion by Woelber, seconded by Veerkamp to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

AREA II CONSENT AGENDA – Designate 2026 Banking Institution as HomeTown Bank.

Authorize RCRCA Office Manager to Execute Electronic Funds Transfers for Area II. Designate Executive as Area II Grant Signatory. Authorize Executive Director to sign Documents on behalf of Area II. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Thole, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS – These forms will be emailed to the board as they are required annually. The forms will be available at the February meeting as well.

RCRCA - APPROVE/AMEND/PAY COMPLETED COST SHARE CONTRACTS. None

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Gen. Funds Construction	Springdale 30 – Redwood	410 Road Retention
Redwood County		
EST Cost: \$98,341.00	EST Cost Share: \$ 73,755.75 (75%)	
	Local Match	\$ 24,585.25

Motion by Thole, seconded by Woelber, to approve the Springdale 30 – Redwood 410 Road Retention cost share contract. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

• **Town Hall Meetings** On January 6, Sen. Dahms and Rep. Torkelson will be in Sleepy Eye, New Ulm, Comfrey, Springfield, Belview and Redwood Falls. On January 8, Sen. Dahms and Rep. Swedzinski will be in Tracy, Marshall, Canby, Madison, Dawson and Granite Falls.

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• **Fortier 8 Collapsed Trash Rack** Haala Industries/Afinitas, the rack manufacturer, arranged for delivery of the replacement trash rack on December 23. They no longer wanted the broken one for R&D. Noomen Excavating removed and replaced the trash rack. Netzke will request reimbursement for the installation fee from Afinitas after the installation invoice is paid.

• **Alta Vista 27 WQ&S Grant** The application was submitted on December 23, 2025, requesting \$767,938.00 of grant funds with a minimum of \$76,793.80 for local match with 90/10 cost-share.

• **Hauschild-Thange Plugged Intake** The solution to unplugging the intake was for the YMRWD to hire Ground Works to remove 7 buckets of sediment/brush/clams down to clay material. Within 4-5 days, the water level was back to normal conditions, and the cause of the blockage was clearly evident – beaver activity. Photos were provided. YMRWD will arrange for the remaining debris to be removed manually to completely clear the blockage. The local beaver trapper has also been notified.

LQP-YB – The Biennial Summit is scheduled for 1/14/2026 in Canby at the Canby City Hall. Netzke will provide information regarding the Florida Creek Stream Restoration and the LQP Floodway Conceptual Design grant (BWSR Water Quality & Storage).

RCRCA

• **Cottonwood-Middle MN CWMP Update** The BWSR reconciliation is completed! The final reimbursement of \$25,300 (10% grant) should be forthcoming soon.

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- **Redwood CWMP Update** Resolutions from all MOA partners were submitted along with the Plan and appendices to BWSR on December 18th. The meeting date for the BWSR Southern Region Committee cannot be scheduled until February due to quorum issues. This means that plan approval cannot happen until the March 25th BWSR Board meeting. RCRCA will begin developing a Work Plan and Budget for the \$1,121,929 of WBIF.

- **Lake Redwood CDF Use Agreement** MMB approved the Use Agreement on December 19th. Both RCRCA and the City had already approved signature of the agreement, and the City requested to collect the signatures and transfer the remaining City funds by the end of the year. These signatures occurred on December 30th with \$212,009.27 returned to the City of Redwood Falls. These funds were remaining from the \$900,000 that the City had contributed to the project.

- **Pell and Plum Creek CWF Grant Expirations** After the Executive Board meeting on December 22nd, final project payments were issued and projects entered into eLINK. One project was completed under the bid amount, leaving \$1,941.60 of the Pell grant unspent. The goal of 300 tons/year of sediment reduced was surpassed with 774.76 tons/year reduction. Plum Creek has funds that will be returned due to the Redwood SWCD having federal 319 funds that paid 60%, requiring considerably less grant funds. Returned funds will be \$137,317.83 that will stay at BWSR to be reallocated to other CWF grant recipients. The goal of 1,470 tons/year of sediment reduced was surpassed with 1,497.2 tons/year achieved with fewer funds.

AREA II ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Custer 3 Grade Stabilization, Lyon County. This proposed grade stabilization project includes two structures: one upstream WSCB for smaller storm events, and a larger grade stabilization structure downstream for larger storm events and peak flow reduction purposes. A preliminary design and cost estimate have been completed for coordination with the landowner. **Holly 22 Road Retention, Murray County.** This proposed road retention involves downstream channel realignment/mitigation. A preliminary design had been completed years prior that is being updated with the current existing condition survey. A meeting with the township will be forthcoming to review the design prior to submitting permit applications. The project is funded by a BWSR Water Quality and Storage Grant. **Alta Vista 27 Road Retention, Lincoln County.** The original funding for this project had a time stipulation that could not be met. However, a revised application has been submitted for the reacquisition of funding from the State. This project is in the stages of permit acquisition. DNR Dam Safety has reported back, and we are making plan alterations per their recommendations. The tree removal portion of the project was completed in Fall 2025 for construction of the structure to follow next spring/summer once the permits are obtained.

RCRCA – FY2025 Audit Engagement Letter. Netzke requested a quote for RCRCA's FY2025 annual audit from Peterson Company Ltd. The price will be \$5,300 with an engagement letter coming soon. Since the CWMM-WBIF is part of RCRCA's normal business, there is no additional fee for including that grant in the audit. Motion by Anderson, seconded by

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Posthuma, to approve the quote and for signature of the engagement letter from Peterson Company Ltd. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Area II/RCRCA Board of Director's Meeting – March 2026. The AMC Legislative Conference is on the same day as the March meeting. Discussion followed to determine an alternative meeting date. **RCRCA** - Motion by Woelber, seconded by Kack, to reschedule the meeting for March 6, 2026 at 9 AM in Marshall at the Lyon County Government Center with a Zoom option. Motion carried unanimously. **Area II** - Motion by Johnson, seconded by Crowley, to reschedule the meeting for March 6, 2026 at 9 AM in Marshall at the Lyon County Government Center with a Zoom option. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT. With no other business, Chairman Anderson and Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February Board Meeting	Thursday, February 5, 2026	Redwood County Learning Center
March Board Meeting	<u>Friday, March 6, 2026</u>	Lyon County Government Center

Larry Anderson, Area II Chairman

Date