

RCRCA
COTTONWOOD – MIDDLE MINNESOTA CWMP
February 5, 2026 – Policy Committee Meeting
Redwood County Learning Center, Redwood Falls, MN
In-Person and Virtual*

**Roll Call Votes on all motions*

RCRCA Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Bill Eckstein, Larry Anderson, Dave Bucklin*, Joe Drietz, Tom Andries, Allen Deutz*, Paul Posthuma, Luke Johnson, Brad Kruisselbrink, Rick Wakefield and Ed Carter.

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

RCRCA Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM.

ADOPT AGENDA. Motion by Carter, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CW-MM WBIF - January 2026 Minutes. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Posthuma, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CW-MM WBIF – January 2026 Financial Report. Financials were reviewed with the Board: expenditures of \$11,652.54 (Administration). Invested funds balance is \$693,049.78 earning 3.72%. Motion by Kruisselbrink, seconded by Eckstein, to approve the January 2026 Financials subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

CW-MM WBIF – Funds Transfer for Work Plan Revision. Williams shared the Technical Committee’s recommendation to move \$200,000 to the Agricultural Practices: \$150,000 from Nonstructural and \$50,000 from Technical Assistance/Engineering. Discussion followed on WASCOD types – farmable versus nonfarmable – and payment rates. The board recommended having a discussion with the technical committee regarding an addition to the policy to pay only the nonfarmable portion of farmable basins or set differing cost-share rates for the different types. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Bucklin, to approve requesting a Work Plan Revision moving \$200,000 into Agricultural Projects (\$150,000 from Nonstructural and \$50,000 from Technical Assistance/Engineering) as presented. Motion carried with Deutz voting against.

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CW-MM WBIF – Grant Policy Procedure Updates. Williams reviewed the proposed procedure changes: to upload the site inspection forms to MS4Front upon completion of each inspection. These forms should also be kept in the project file. An inspection schedule will be provided as a reference by RCRCA based on the fiscal year Grant Administration Manual. Ten-year contracts will be inspected in years 1,3 and 9. Twenty-five-year contracts will be inspected in years 1, 8, 17 and 24. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wakefield, to approve the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

CW-MM WBIF – Approve Amendment List. Williams stated that one contract needs to be amended due to a change of ownership – Contract 25-CWMM-RED-007. The new owner would like to continue with the approved contract. Motion by Carter, seconded by Veerkamp, to approve the amendment as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES – AMENDMENT

#C25-0341 CWMM- WBIF Grant	Contract	Amendment	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Total Project Cost	Slippage	Project Description
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-007	Owner name change only					Terrace - 2
Totals							

CW-MM WBIF – New Contract List. Williams presented 3 new contracts for approval: 1) 25-CWMM-MUR-002 for 5 - 638 WASCObS, 2) 25-CWMM-RED-016 for 2 - 638 WASCObS and 3) CWMM-LYO-012 for 3 - 638 WASCObS (this project approval is pending formal work plan revision approval from BWSR due to lack of funds). Motion by Posthuma, seconded by Veerkamp, to approve the new cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES – NEW CONTRACTS

#C25-0341 CWMM- WBIF Grant	Contract	Amendment	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Total Project Cost	Slippage	Project Description
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-MUR-002			\$127,200.55	\$149,647.70		638 WASCOb-5
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-016			\$ 36,729.23	\$ 56,506.50		638 WASCOb-2
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-LYO-012			\$ 44,038.50	\$ 51,810.11		638 WASCOb-3
Totals				\$207,968.28	\$257,964.20		

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CW-MM WBIF – PAYMENT APPROVAL LIST. Williams presented three bills for approval from Brown SWCD (1) and Cottonwood SWCD (2), both for staff time working on projects that are in process of or are funded through WBIF. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Eckstein, to approve the payments presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT – PAYMENT

#C25-0341 CWMM- WBIF Grant			Payment Request		Project Description	Approval Needed Tech/Policy
Cottonwood SWCD			\$ 683.13 \$1,231.32		Development of projects with landowners	Policy
Brown SWCD			\$3,981.13		Development of projects with landowners	Policy
Totals			\$5,895.58			

WATERSHED COORDINATOR REPORT.

Williams updated the board on her activities for January 2026.

1. Completed E-link progress report – Feb 1st deadline
2. January 21st Technical Committee Meeting
 - a. Prep, minutes, procedure changes
3. Added “Other Funded Projects” to MS4Front – have not received all information yet
 - a. RCPP, Education/Information, etc.
4. Survey/Training with Area II
 - a. Custer 11 – Dam/Sediment Basin
 - b. Norman 7 – Site Visit
 - c. Paxton 3 – Dam Repair
 - d. Shelburne 18 – Field Road - Water Quality and Storage Grant w/ Lyon
5. Redwood River WBIF Planning w/ Kerry and John Shea
 - a. Budget
 - b. Grant Policy Edits
 - c. Prep for Steering Team Meeting on February 9
6. Assist Lyon SWCD with Annual Reporting

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ADJOURNMENT. With no other business to address, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

March Board Meeting	<u>Friday, March 6, 2026</u>	Lyon County Government Center
April Board Meeting	Thursday, April 2, 2026	Redwood County Learning Center

Luke Johnson, RCRCA Chairman

Date