

**RCRCA**  
**COTTONWOOD – MIDDLE MINNESOTA CWMP**  
**April 2, 2026 – Policy Committee Meeting**  
**Zoom Only (*Roll Call Votes on all Motions*)**

**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, Rick Wakefield, and Ed Carter.

**Others Present:** Kerry Netzke – Executive Director, Courtney Williams – RCRCA Watersheds Coordinator, Joy Bruns – RCRCA Office Manager, and Tom Andries – Lyon County Commissioner.

RCRCA Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

**ADOPT AGENDA.** Motion by Bucklin, seconded by Drietz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**CW-MM WBIF – March 2026 Financial Report.** The monthly expenditure of \$12,744.92 (\$11,576.28 Administration and \$1,168.64 Project Development) was reviewed. Motion by Kruisselbrink, seconded by Drietz, to approve the March 2026 Financials subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

**CW-MM WBIF – Discussion of Technical Quality Assurance.** Williams explained a potential problem of funding NRCS-designed projects with WBIF funds when NRCS staff cannot sign state-required documents such as contracts, amendments and vouchers. Generally, this has not been a problem, however the Fall 2025 government shutdown prevented NRCS engineering staff from certifying projects as complete, or authorizing change orders/amendments when project quantities changed. Without the federal sign-off, other funding was necessary to pay for the completed project. To protect itself, the RCRCA Board requested a statement be added to the WBIF Grant Policy stating the NRCS-designed projects will be funded by the local SWCD/County if NRCS documents are not attainable/provided due to government shutdown or other situations. This draft statement will be reviewed at the May meeting.

**CW-MM WBIF – Work Plan Revision.** Williams presented a work plan revision to move \$40,054.92 into the Agricultural Projects funds from the Technical/Engineering funds. It was explained that all Agricultural Projects funds have been allocated. Future cost-share

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requests will be accepted by RCRCA, approved pending availability of slippage funds, and held by RCRCA. Should slippage funds not be available, the projects will be considered for funding with the WBIF 2.0 grant that will be available for request after July 1. Motion by Bucklin, seconded by Drietz, to move \$40,054.92 to the Agricultural Project funds from the Technical/Engineering funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**CW-MM WBIF – Agricultural Projects.** Williams presented 4 contracts for approval: 1) 25-CWMM-LYO-010 638 WASC0B (5) and a 412 Waterway (pending a completed group addendum), 2) 25-CWMM-BRO-009 410 Grade Stab Repair, 3) CWMM-BRO-010 638 WASC0B (3), and 4) 25-CWMM-RED-005 412 Waterway. Motion by Crowley, seconded by Carter, to approve the new cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS – NEW CONTRACTS**

#C25-0341	Contract	Amend-ment	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Total Project Cost	Slippage	Project Description
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-LYO-010			\$ 95,670.90	112,554.00		6383 WASC0B, 412 Waterway
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-009			\$ 52,100.75	61,295.00		410 Grade Stab Repair
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-010			\$ 59,160.00	69,600.00		638 WASC0B (3)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-005			\$ 9,265.00	10,900.00		412 Waterway (1)
Totals				\$ 216,196.65	254,349.00		

**SSTS INCENTIVES.** Williams presented one new contract for approval from Cottonwood SWCD for a SSTS Incentive Contract – 25-CWMM-COT-011. Motion by Bucklin, seconded by Anderson, to approve the new SSTS Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**SSTS INCENTIVES – NEW CONTRACT**

FY25-WBIF	Contract			New Contract Funds		Policy Committee
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-COT-011			\$5,000.00		Approved
Totals				\$5,000.00		

**WELL DECOMMISSIONINGS.** Williams presented one contract for approval: 25-CWMM-RED-017 for one well decommissioning. Motion by Deutz, seconded by Kruisselbrink, to approve the new well-decommissioning contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**WELL DECOMMISSIONINGS – NEW CONTRACT**

FY25-WBIF	Contract			New Contract Funds	Proposed Total Cost	Policy Committee
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-017			\$1,000.00	2,000.00	Approved
Totals				\$1,000.00	2,000.00	

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**WATERSHED COORDINATOR REPORT.**

Williams updated the board on her activities for March 2026.

- 1. Survey & Training with Area II
  - a. Custer 11 – Dam
  - b. Shelburne 18 – Dam
  - c. Springdale 17 – Road Retention
  - d. Island Lake 19 – Dam
  - e. Coon Creek 24 Dam
- 2. Redwood River WBIF Planning Grant
  - a. Policy Committee Meeting – 03/09/26
  - b. Assist with Policy edits, Scoring and Ranking Sheet edits, and Work Plan narrative
  - c. Plan Approved by BWSR 03/25/26
- 3. Cottonwood-Middle MN WBIF
  - a. Technical Committee Meeting on 03/24/26
    - i. eLINK Work Plan revision to move funds to Ag Practices from Technical/Engineering to fully fund current project list.
    - ii. Discussed NRCS-designed projects and potential issues, edits to scoring and ranking sheet for CWMM 2.0 and adding additional projects to policy for CWMM 2.0 (available after July 1, 2026).

**ADJOURNMENT.** With no other business to address, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS.**

May Board Meeting	Thursday, May 7, 2026	Lyon County Government Center
June Board Meeting	Thursday, June 4, 2026	Redwood County Learning Center

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Luke Johnson, RCRCA Chairman      Date