

RCRCA
COTTONWOOD – MIDDLE MINNESOTA CWMP
August 6, 2026 – Board of Directors Meeting
Redwood Government Center, Redwood Falls, MN

RCRCA Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Mark Wellner, Larry Anderson, Dave Bucklin, Gary Crowley, Allen Deutz, Loy Woelber, Luke Johnson, Rick Wakefield and Glen Kack.

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

Absent: Courtney Williams on vacation.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:46 AM.

ADOPT AGENDA. Motion by Veerkamp, seconded by Deutz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CW-MM WBIF - July 2026 Minutes. Motion by Wakefield, seconded by Bucklin, to approve July 2026 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CW-MM WBIF – July 2026 Financial Report. The July expenditures of \$22,947.44 were reviewed (\$5,982.76 Administration, \$16,964.68 project payments and technical/project development). Motion by Wakefield, seconded by Crowley, to approve the July 2026 Financials subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approve Work Plan Revision for 1.0 Grant #C25-0341. Netzke reviewed the changes that were discussed at the Technical Committee meeting on July 22. Funds are being moved to the agricultural projects and nonstructural projects categories and taken from technical/engineering, project development, and education/outreach categories. Motion by Bucklin, seconded by Veerkamp, to approve the Work Plan revisions for BWSR Grant #C25-0341 - CWMM WBIF 1.0 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS – NEW COST-SHARE CONTRACTS. Motion by Woelber, seconded by Crowley, to approve the new agricultural project contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#C25-0341	Contract	Amend -ment	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Total Project Cost	Priority	Project Description
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM- LYO-013			\$ 47,457.54	\$55,832.40	H	WASCOB (5) & Waterway
Totals				\$ 47,457.54			

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NON-STRUCTURAL PROJECTS – NEW COST-SHARE CONTRACTS. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Veerkamp, to approve the new non-structural cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#C25-0341	Contract	Amend-ment	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Total Project Cost	Priority	Project Description
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-016			\$ 10,620.00		M	Cover Crops (177 ac) DWSMA
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-017			\$ 11,200.00		M	Strip Till (320 ac) - DWSMA
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-014			\$ 8,225.00		M	Strip Till (235 ac) - DWSMA
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-012			\$ 11,025.00		M	Strip Till (315 ac) - DWSMA
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-013			\$ 10,780.00		M	Strip Till (308 ac) - DWSMA
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-015			\$ 10,115.00		M	No Till (289 ac) – DWSMA
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-018			\$ 7,840.00		M	Strip Till (224 ac) - DWSMA
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-MUR-005			\$ 13,922.40		M	Cover Crops (232.04 ac) – Prior Acres
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-MUR-006			\$ 3,980.40		M	No Till/Strip Till (132.68 ac) – Prior Acres
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-LYO-014			\$ 7,500.00		H	Cover Crops (125 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-032			\$ 4,076.40		H	Cover Crops (67.94 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-037			\$ 19,200.00		M	Cover Crops (320 ac) – Prior Acres
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-035			\$ 10,481.00		M	Cover Crops (174.69 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-039			\$ 18,531.60		M	Cover Crops (308.86 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-031			\$ 11,200.00		M	No Till/Strip Till (320 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-033			\$ 5,127.15		M	No Till (146.49 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-038			\$ 385.00		L	Cover Crops (11 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-020			\$ 7,800.00		M	Cover Crops (130 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-019			\$ 5,760.00		M	Cover Crops (96 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-040			\$ 4,704.00		M	Cover Crops (78.4 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-036			\$ 1,206.00		M	Cover Crops (20.1 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-034			\$ 1,818.00		M	Cover Crops (30.30 ac)
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-RED-041			\$ 3,648.19		M	Cover Crops (201.94 ac) Partial Funding \$12,116.40
				\$ 189,145.24			

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SSTS INCENTIVE - NEW COST-SHARE CONTRACTS. None.

WELL DECOMMISSIONING - NEW COST-SHARE CONTRACT. Motion by Deutz, seconded by Wellner, to approve the new well decommissioning contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#C25-0341	Contract	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Proposed Total Cost	Priority	Project Description
Y25-WBIF	25-CWMM-BRO-011		\$ 695.00	\$ 1,390.00	M	Well Sealing
FY25-WBIF	25-CWMM-COT-017		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	H	Well Sealing
Totals			\$ 1,695.00	\$ 3,390.00		

PAYMENTS – AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS. None.

PAYMENTS – NON-STRUCTURAL PROJECTS. None.

PAYMENTS – GRANT ADMINISTRATION. Netzke presented a bill from Houston Engineering for MS4Front. This includes 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 subscriptions at \$6,000.00 annually.

Grant Administration	Current Request
Houston Engineering – MS4Front	\$ 12,000.00
Total	\$ 12,000.00

PAYMENTS – PROJECT DEVELOPMENT. Netzke presented 2 payment requests for project development in the amount of \$1,152.21.

Partner	Current Request
Cottonwood SWCD	\$ 410.69
Redwood SWCD	\$ 741.52
Totals	\$ 1,152.21

PAYMENTS – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. Netzke presented one bill for Technical/ Engineering in the amount of \$9,041.15. Motion by Deutz, seconded by Crowley, to approve the Technical Assistance payment request as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Partner	Current Request
South Central TSA	\$ 9,041.15
Total	\$ 9,041.15

Motion by Veerkamp, seconded by Woelber, to approve the Total Payment Requests as listed above in the amount of \$22,193.36 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Note -- Total Grant Expenditures Approved: \$22,193.36 at this meeting.

Review and Approve CWMM 2.0 Grant Application. Netzke and Williams discussed the 2.0 grant application for \$1,971,082 with our BWSR Board Conservationist, John Shea. Shea

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recommended submitting the application by July 31 to receive funding by September 2026. All applications are batched on the 1st of the month. Williams completed and submitted the grant application with oversight from Netzke on July 31. The 2.0 grant is very similar to the 1.0 grant with the following changes: 1) Scoring and Ranking points must be 45 to be eligible, 2) Cover Crops will be paid at \$45/acre for single species and \$60/acres for multi species, 3) Pasture and Hay Planting (new establishment) has been added to Non-Structure Management Practices, 4) donated cover crop acres will count towards local match to the grant, and 5) Streambank or Shoreline Protection has a grant budget of \$100,000 (\$50,000 max per contract, requires 25% local match). Motion by Crowley, seconded by Bucklin, to approve the CWMM 2.0 Grant application as presented and submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Netzke received an email Wednesday at the end of the day that the application had been approved. Williams will be submitting the work plan soon, which generates the grant agreement. Funds will follow shortly after.

WATERSHED COORDINATOR REPORT.

Williams updated the board on her activities for July 2026.

1. Cottonwood-Middle MN Watershed
 1. Updated new contracts
 2. Uploaded Approved Projects to MS4Front
 3. CWMM 2.0 Grant Application
 - i. Revised the Scoring and Ranking sheet for 45 points
 - ii. Revised the 2.0 Policy
 - iii. Completed the eLINK application with estimated reductions
 4. Reviewed new contracts and supporting documents
 5. Technical Committee Meeting (virtual) – July 22, 2026 – Financial Update – moving funds to nonstructural & ag practices. Discussion regarding combining WBIF with other funds on one contract.

ADJOURNMENT. With no other business to address, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Sept Board Meeting	Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026	Lyon County Government Center – Commissioners Room
Oct Board Meeting	Thursday, Oct 1, 2026	Redwood County Govt Center – Commissioners Room

Luke Johnson, RCRCA Chairman

Date