

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT
REGARDING WHITEWATER BRANCH OF THE WHITEWATER WATERSHED
SOIL CONSERVATION PROJECT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 6 day of June, 1989, by and between the counties of Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59 authorizes governmental units to jointly and cooperatively exercise any powers common to the contracting parties, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 40.072 authorizes boards of county commissioners to initiate projects for soil and water conservation, and

WHEREAS, the Whitewater River as it flows into the Mississippi River, which watershed includes parts of each of the above three counties, can be benefited by soil and water conservation practices, and

WHEREAS, federal funds are available to land owners on a matching basis for the purpose of undertaking soil and water conservation practices,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between each of the above counties as follows:

1. That a Joint Powers Board is hereby established with one county commissioner and one member of the board of supervisors of the soil and water board of each county to be members of the Joint Powers Board. Each member of the said Joint Powers Board shall be appointed by the respective boards, and their terms on the said Joint Powers Board shall continue solely at the discretion of each of the boards.

2. The purpose of the project shall be to encourage land occupiers in the watershed to conserve the soil and water resources through the implementation of practices that effectively reduce or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation and agriculturally related pollution in order to preserve natural resources, insure continued soil productivity, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base and protect public lands. The Joint Powers Board shall participate in the said project in order to carry out the above purposes, and shall exercise all powers vested in it by law so far as appropriate to further the said project.

3. That the staff of each of the counties of the soil and water conservation boards shall assist the Joint Powers Board in applying for federal funds and shall assist the land owners in the said watershed in applying for the said federal funds.

4. This agreement shall become effective upon resolution by each county board authorizing the board chairman to enter into the said agreement; and shall remain effective until the said parties agree in writing to terminate and rescind this agreement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands the day and year above written.

WABASHA COUNTY, Minnesota

James Corallit
Chairman, County Board
Peter G. Abby MONITOR

OLMSTED COUNTY, Minnesota

Jan R. Michals
Chairman, County Board

WINONA COUNTY, Minnesota

Donald Peterson
Chairman, County Board