

**Whitewater Joint Powers Board
March 20, 2014
Whitewater State Park Visitor's Center**

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Matt Flynn called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.
Board Members Present: Matt Flynn, Roland Wood, Steve Jacob, and Richard Hall
Others Present: Sheila Harmes, Mandi Olson, Steve Lawler, and Joyce Tlougan
Board Member Arlene Nelson arrived at 8:40 a.m.
Absent Board Member: John Keefe

- 2. Approve Minutes of February 20, 2013**
A motion was made by Roland Wood and seconded by Steve Jacob to approve the minutes.
Voting yes: 5 Voting no: 0 Motion carried.

- 3. Approve Agenda**
Sheila Harmes requested to amend the agenda with one agenda addition: Item 6i. 2013 IRS Form 1096 for initialing. A motion was made by Steve Jacob and seconded by Richard Hall to approve the agenda as amended. Voting yes: 5 Voting no: 0 Motion carried.

- 4. Approve Consent Items**
Bills & Payroll
Sheila Harmes explained the bills and payroll listed.

A motion was made by Steve Jacob and seconded by Richard Hall to approve the Consent Items.
Voting yes: 5 Voting no: 0 Motion carried.

- 5. Board Reports**
Arlene Nelson
Advised that SWCD Supervisors decided to keep the voting the same for Winona SWCD. She advised of an Inter-Agency Service Agreement with Winona, a watershed pilot program. Arlene also reported that she had attended the Organic Conference.

Steve Jacob
Reported that he is continuing work on the Winona County Comp Plan and advised that there will be an open house on March 24th. He reported a land value increase of 40% in Winona County and that there is a resolution being considered to send to senators to credit farmers as a buffer to the 40% increase.

Joint Powers Board Members

Matt Flynn, Chair Olmsted Co. Commissioner	Steve Jacob, Vice-Chair Winona Co. Commissioner	Richard Hall Wabasha Co. Commissioner
Roland Wood, Secretary/Treasurer Wabasha SWCD Supervisor	Arlene Nelson Winona SWCD Supervisor	John Keefe Olmsted SWCD Supervisor

Richard Hall

Reported that Wabasha County and SWCD had discussions for “One Watershed One Plan” application for Zumbro Watershed.

Roland Wood

Stated the Wabasha County Water Plan is being updated and will be in effect for a 10-year project. He advised the Cover Crop workshop that was to take place in February had been cancelled due to weather.

Matt Flynn

Reported projects are on the upswing in Olmsted County.

6. Board Discussion and Action Items

- a. Financial Update: Sheila Harmes explained the Check and Money Market, Reconciliation Summary.
- b. Ag Certainty Incentives Grant Agreement: Sheila explained the status of the agreement. A motion was made by Steve Jacob and seconded by Arlene Nelson to accept the agreement.
Voting yes: 5 Voting no: 0 Motion carried.
- c. MDA Adaptive Nutrient Management Contract: Sheila explained the contract. A motion was made by Roland Wood and seconded by Steve Jacob to accept the contract.
Voting yes: 5 Voting no: 0 Motion carried.
- d. One Watershed – One Plan Discussion: Steve Lawler of BWSR spoke on the project. Sheila advised the Winona County Watershed Plan is due in 2015.
- e. Mississippi River – Winona civic engagement grant report: Sheila updated the board on the grant report
- f. MN Ag Certainty Update: Sheila updated the board on MN Ag Certainty and advised that producers are showing interest. A Whitewater Ag Certainty booth is at the Agri News farm show promoting the program and there will be two open house events scheduled within the next month.
- g. Sheila advised the board that she had submitted the NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant.
- h. The board advised they prefer to keep the hard copies of the packets and the minutes as they are.
- i. Sheila requested the initials of the Secretary/Treasurer on the IRS 1096 Form. A motion was made by Steve Jacob and seconded by Richard Hall to initial the form.
Voting yes: 5 Voting no: 0 Motion carried.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments

8. Agency Reports:

No agency reports

9. Next Meeting: April 17, 2014

Adjournment: 9:59 a.m. Richard Hall made a motion and Steve Jacob seconded the motion to adjourn. Voting yes: 5 Voting no: 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by:

Joyce Tlougan
Recording Secretary

Signed _____
Roland Wood, Secretary/Treasurer