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**Whitewater Joint Powers Board
September 15, 2016
Whitewater State Park Visitor's Center**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Chair Matt Flynn called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Board Members Present: Matt Flynn, Richard Hall, Steve Jacob, Claron Krogness, and Roland Wood

Absent: Arlene Nelson

Others Present: Sheila Harmes, Whitewater Watershed; Joyce Tlougan, Winona County Planning and Environmental Services

2. Approve Minutes of August 18, 2016

A motion was made by S. Jacob and seconded by R. Hall to approve the minutes.

Voting: Yes – 5 (All).

3. Approve Agenda

Sheila stated she needed to pull item 6.b.(2). A motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by S. Jacob to approve the amended agenda. Voting: Yes – 5 (All).

4. Approve Consent Items

Bills & Payroll

Sheila Harmes explained all bills and payroll items. A motion was made by S. Jacob and seconded by C. Krogness to approve the Consent Items. Voting: Yes – 5 (All).

5. Board Reports

Steve Jacob

Noted that the DNR is changing farming practice guidelines for farmers within the Whitewater Wildlife Management Area (WMA). He referred to a DNR letter dated August 18, 2016. Items listed in the letter will affect farmers and hunters. S. Jacob requested to place the subject on a future agenda. S. Harmes suggested having Don Nelson of the DNR come to the October Whitewater Joint Powers Board meeting for further discussion. To better prepare, C. Krogness suggested that Board members submit their questions to S. Harmes; she can forward them to Don Nelson. M. Flynn stated to get add to Joint Powers Board agenda.

S. Jacob also noted that Winona County had adopted a .50 sales tax for road improvements. The County is also looking at solar contracts. The Frac Sand Ban was at the County Board. There will be a Public Hearing on 10/13/2016, and the County will have an opportunity to vote on it.

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	Claron Krogness Olmsted SWCD Supervisor

45 Claron Krogness
46 Advised Olmsted County SWCD chose Toby and Gail Klassen as their Conservation Farmers of
47 the Year. He stated they are working on terraces on County Rd 7.

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49 Roland Wood
50 Reported Wabasha County SWCD had a discussion regarding sharing a Wetland Conservation
51 Act (WCA) position. He advised that Senator Matt Schmidt attended a buffer tour organized by Ed
52 McNamara. The Fall Area District Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2016. Matt Kruger is
53 doing cover crop test plots that includes alfalfa planted under corn.

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55 Richard Hall
56 Advised they are working with the SWCD and looking at different ways to approach financial
57 concerns. R. Wood added there will be a meeting scheduled between Wabasha County
58 Commissioners and the SWCD Supervisors to address issues.

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60 Matt Flynn
61 Advised he had attended Root River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) public hearing in
62 Stewartville. There was a good turnout. At the Stewartville meeting there were five (5) public
63 comments. Matt advised that the Root River 1W1P Policy Committee meeting scheduled for
64 September 19th had been re-scheduled for September 26st. Final plan comments will be reviewed.

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66 **6. Board Discussion and Action Items**

67 a. Financial Update:

68 S. Harmes explained the finances and reported the balance.

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70 b. Ag Certainty Update

- 71 1. Approval of cost share payment for Ag Cert #005 S. Harmes shared Ag Cert File #005
72 containing bills and invoices for a Septic System, with the Board Members for review.
73 She advised the farmer would use \$8,858.70 of Ag Certainty incentive funds to cover
74 the costs. A motion was made by R. Hall and seconded by C. Krogness to approve the
75 cost share payment of \$8,858.70 for Ag Cert #005. Voting: Yes – 5 (All).
- 76 2. Cancellation of cost share request for Ag Cert #009 Item had been pulled from the
77 agenda.
- 78 3. Approval of cost share assistance for Ag Cert #014 S. Harmes shared Ag Cert File
79 #014 regarding a request for \$6,500.00 for cover crops; that Ag Certainty would pay
80 75% of the \$6,500.00. Board discussion included whether the payment will be for one
81 year, how many acres are included and how the practice will be tracked. S. Jacob
82 moved to approve the payment and C. Krogness seconded the motion. Vote: Yes – 4
83 R. Hall Abstained. Motion Carried.
- 84 4. Approval of cost share payment for Ag Cert #010 S. Harmes shared Ag Cert File #010
85 regarding a Grassed Waterway cost of \$597.00, she advised the cost share would be
86 \$447.75. A motion was made by R. Hall and second by R. Wood to approve the cost
87 share payment of \$447.75 for Ag Cert #010. Vote: Yes – 5 (All).

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89 c. Pollinators Workshop Update

90 S. Harmes advised the date of the workshop is November 15, 2016; location had not
91 been confirmed.

92 S. Jacob asked if cost for event will come out of Whitewater Joint Powers Board's fund, S.
93 Harmes advised that it will not; educational funds are available through Education/Outreach
94 tasks under a grant available through PCA (Pollution Control Agency). The workshop will focus
95 on how farmers can improve management through Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
96 practices that protect pollinators.
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98 S. Harmes referred back to the Financial Update referring to the 2015 Audit she had distributed to
99 the board members for their review. If the audit is approved, she will bring the bound copy to
100 the next Whitewater Joint Powers Board meeting. On motion of C. Krogness and second by S.
101 Jacob the board approved the audit copy. Vote: Yes – 5 (All).
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104 **7. Public Comments**

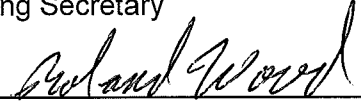
105 There were no public comments.
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108 **8. Next Meeting:** October 20, 2016

109 The Whitewater Joint Powers Board adjourned at 9:19 a.m. on a Jacob/Krogness motion. Voting:
110 Yes – 5 (All).
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112 Respectfully submitted by:

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114 Joyce Tlougan
115 Recording Secretary

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117 Signed 
118 Roland Wood, Secretary/Treasurer