

Whitewater Joint Powers Board Minutes
June 18, 2020
Whitewater State Park Visitor's Center

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5 **1. Call to Order:** Matt Flynn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

6 Board Members Present: Matt Flynn, Steve Jacob, Josh Elsing, Lynn Zabel, James Rentz and
7 Rich Hall (by phone)

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9 Others Present: Sheila Harmes, Coordinator Whitewater Watershed

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1 Board Members Absent: None

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3 **2. Public Comments**

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6 **3. Approve Minutes of February 20, 2020 Meeting**

7 A motion was made by J. Elsing and seconded by S. Jacob to approve the minutes.

8 Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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0 **4. Approve Agenda**

1 A motion was made by S. Jacob and seconded by J. Elsing to approve the agenda.

2 Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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4 **5. Approve Consent Items**

5 A motion was made by S. Jacob and seconded by L. Zabel to approve the bills and payroll.

6 Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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8 **6. Board Reports**

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1 **7. Board Discussion and Action Items**

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3 **a. Financial Update – *Sheila Harmes***

4 S. Harmes explained the balances for the money market and the checking account.

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6 **1) 2021 Proposed Budget**

7 On motion by J. Rentz and seconded by L. Zabel, the WWJPB voted to adopt the 2021 proposed
8 budget. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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0 **b. Surface Water Assessment Grant Update**

1 **1) Root River SWCD Sub-Agreement**

2 On motion by J. Elsing and seconded by L. Zabel, the WWJPB voted to approve the Root River
3 SWCD sub-agreement. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

4 **2) Wabasha SWCD Sub-Agreement**

5 On motion by R. Hall and seconded by J. Rentz, the WWJPB voted to approve the Wabasha County
6 SWCD sub-agreement. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

7 **3) Winona County Sub-Agreement**

8 On motion by J. Elsing and seconded by J. Rentz, the WWJPB voted to approve the Winona County
9 sub-agreement. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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1 **c. Drinking Water Protection Grant Update**

2 **1) Olmsted SWCD Sub-Agreement**

3 On motion by J. Rentz and seconded by L. Zabel, the WWJPB voted to approve the Olmsted SWCD
4 sub-agreement. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

6 **2) Wabasha County SWCD Sub-Agreement**

7 On motion by R. Hall and seconded by J. Elsing, the WWJPB voted to approve the Wabasha County
8 SWCD sub-agreement. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

9 **3) Winona County SWCD Sub-Agreement**

0 On motion by L. Zabel and seconded by J. Rentz, the WWJPB voted to approve the Winona County
1 SWCD sub-agreement. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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3 **d. 319 Nitrogen Reduction Grant Update**

4 S. Harmes shared that Jake Overgaard is no longer with Extension as of the end of April 2020. He is
5 now working for Midwest Organic Services Association (MOSA). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, J.
6 Overgaard was not able to meet with farmers regarding test plots for a period of time. S. Harmes
7 reached out to the University of Minnesota regarding a replacement, who will be Jeff Vetsch. Due to a
8 COVID-19 delay in the grant, the MPCA has allowed for a grant extension until the end of next year. S.
9 Harmes can make the formal request for a grant extension on July 1.

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1 **e. 319 Small Watersheds Focus Program**

2 S. Harmes gave an update on the process for the 319 Small Watersheds Focus Program and the
3 WWJPB committee discussed options for an appropriate watershed for the program and water
4 impairments associated with them. It was decided that the Upper North Fork Whitewater and Upper
5 South Fork Whitewater watersheds would be appropriate and S. Harmes will reference both in the letter
6 of interest.

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8 **8. Agency Reports**

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1 **9. Next Meeting:** August 20, 2020

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3 The Whitewater Joint Powers Board adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on motion by J. Elsing and seconded by S.
4 Jacob. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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7 Respectfully submitted by:
8 Anne Schwertel, Administrative Specialist

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3 WWJPB Secretary/Treasurer