

Whitewater Joint Powers Board Minutes
August 20, 2020
Whitewater State Park Visitor's Center

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

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

0 Others Present: Sheila Harmes, Coordinator Whitewater Watershed, Terri Peters, District Manager
1 Wabasha SWCD

2 Board Members Absent: None

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6 **2. Public Comments**

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9 **3. Approve Minutes of June 18, 2020 Meeting**

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

1 Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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3 **4. Approve Agenda**

4 A motion was made by J. Elsing and seconded by J. Rentz to approve the agenda.

5 Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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7 **5. Approve Consent Items**

8 A motion was made by J. Rentz and seconded by L. Zabel to approve the bills and payroll.

9 Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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1 **6. Board Reports**

2 L. Zabel reported the hiring of two people. J. Elsing reported on the Robert Kreidermacher project. S.
3 Jacob reported on Nitrate Monitoring Review and nitrate and phosphorus levels of Lake Winona, caused by
4 storm water run-off. R. Hall reported on Wabasha County using Federal CARES money. J. Rentz noted
5 that some State cost share payments made at Olmsted SWCD meeting. M. Flynn reported that the Lake
6 Zumbro clean-up is almost finished

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

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

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1 **1. 2019 Audit Management Representation Letter– Sheila Harmes**

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3 **b. Working Forestlands Grant Support Letter**

4 Terri Peters and Sheila Harmes reported on a drafted letter of support for the *Protecting Working*
5 *Forestlands in the Blufflands: Trout, Turkeys and Timber* proposal. The support letter provides no in-
6 kind match from Whitewater JPB. The goal of the proposal is to increase capacity for Private
7 Forestry Management. The proposal is one of five selected in the State to move forward to USDA
8 Forestry and is competitive.

9 On a motion by S. Jacob and seconded by J. Elsing, the WWJPB voted to not send a letter
0 supporting the grant. Vote by roll call: Yes – S. Jacob, J. Elsing, R. Hall, No – L. Zabel, J. Rentz, M.
1 Flynn; motion failed.

2 On a motion by L. Zabel and seconded by J. Rentz, the WWJPB voted to send a letter supporting
3 the grant. Vote by roll call: Yes – L. Zabel, J. Rentz, M. Flynn, No - S. Jacob, J. Elsing, R. Hall;
4 motion failed.

6 **c. Surface Water Assessment Grant Update**

7 S. Harmes reported on the progress of the assessment. Monitoring is being completed at eight
8 stream sites and water samples being analyzed. Streams were monitored nine times; three more
9 days are scheduled this year.

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11 **d. Drinking Water Protection Grant Update**

12 S. Harmes reported on the progress of the grant. Partner SWCDs are working with farmers to
13 implement cover crops.

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

16 S. Harmes reported on the progress of the grant. Whitewater was not selected in this round of the
17 grant, there is one more round in 2021. It is not an application process, it is just a letter of interest.

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19 **d. Project Go:**

20 S. Harmes reported on Project Get-Outdoors and a contract to put together a documentary about
21 children getting outdoors, specifically in Whitewater Valley area. They are looking for \$1,000. No motion
22 was made to support the request.

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24 **8. Agency Reports**

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27 **9. Next Meeting:** October 15, 2020

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29 The Whitewater Joint Powers Board adjourned at 9:45 a.m. on motion by J. Elsing and seconded by S.
30 Jacob. Vote by roll call: Yes – All.

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32 Respectfully submitted by:
33 Polly Greden, Office Support Specialist

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35 Signed: _____
36 WWJPB Secretary/Treasurer

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38 *Lynn Jabel*