

**Whitewater Joint Powers Board Minutes
December 16, 2020
Whitewater State Park Visitor's Center**

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7 **1. Call to Order:** Matt Flynn called the meeting to order at 8:32 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

1 Board Members Absent: None

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5 **2. Public Comments**

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8 **3. Approve Minutes of October 15, 2020 Meeting**

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

0 Vote: Yes – All.

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2 **4. Approve Agenda**

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

4 Vote: Yes – All.

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6 **5. Approve Consent Items**

7 A motion was made by S. Jacob and seconded by L. Zabel to approve the bills and payroll to include the
8 MCIT estimated amount due. Vote: Yes – All.

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0 **6. Board Reports**

1 **J. Elsing** – Winona County wrapped up a couple large projects, including a manure pit. SWCD did a
2 review of the cover crop program – payments, obligation by the farmer, future eligibility for the program,
3 etc.

4 **J. Rentz** – Working on some cover crop contracts and looking into using pollinator seeds in connection
5 with the tree sale program.

6 **S. Jacob** – The Winona County Board denied a permit to the Army Corps to use a privately owned
7 business for sand relocation. The planning process for the new Jail is ongoing. The Daley Farms lawsuit is
8 going forward.

9 **L. Zabel** – Wabasha County SWCD is training in 3 new employees, as best they can with social distancing.
0 They will have a planning session on what to do for 2021, because of Covid-19, in regards to work
1 environment and staffing.

2 **R. Hall** – This is the last meeting for Rich Hall with WWJPB. He has enjoyed working with the WWJPB and
3 the WWJPB thanked Rich Hall for his 12 years of service.

4 **M. Flynn** - Mississippi River-Winona La Crescent 1W1P meetings have begun.

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

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

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

6 **1. 2019 Audit & 2020 Audit Proposal**

7 WWJPB discussed their financial history and operating costs. On motion by J. Elsing and seconded
8 by J. Rentz, the WWJPB voted to approve the 2019 audit and the 2020 audit proposal.
9 Vote: Yes – All.

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1 **b. 319 Nitrogen Reduction Grant Update**

2 **1. Approval of Grant Amendment**

3 On motion by S. Jacob and seconded by J. Elsing, the WWJPB voted to approve the grant
4 amendment. Vote: Yes – All.

5 **2. Cover Crop Payments**

6 On motion by J. Elsing and seconded by L. Zabel, the WWJPB voted to approve the cover crop
7 payments. Vote: Yes – 5 (MF, SJ, JE, LZ, RH); No – 1 (JR). Motion carried.

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

9 The Board of Water and Soil Resources has authorized a grant extension to better accommodate a
0 three-year cover crop contract. That will be forthcoming.

1 **1. Cover Crop Payments**

2 On motion by J. Elsing and seconded by S. Jacob, the WWJPB voted to approve the cover crop
3 payments. Vote: Yes – All

4 **d. 2020 project accomplishments**

5 S. Harmes presented 2020 WWJPB project accomplishments and scheduled projects for 2021.

6 **e. Office accommodations memo/discussion**

7 WWJPB discussed the work in progress. This item was also discussed during the board reports.

8 **f. Recognition for Rich Hall**

9 R. Hall was thanked earlier in the meeting for his 12 years of service with the WWJPB.

0 **8. Adjourn; next meeting February 18, 2021**

1 The Whitewater Joint Powers Board adjourned at 10:00 a.m. on motion by J. Rentz and seconded by J.
2 Elsing. Vote: Yes – All.

3 Respectfully submitted by:

4 Anne Schwertel

5 PL&ES Administrative Specialist

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9 Signed: *Lynn Zabel*
0 WWJPB Secretary/Treasurer