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7 **b. Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan Agreement**

8 **1) Local Advisory Team Agreement (Altura, Elgin & Utica)**

9 Sheila Harmes explained the draft plan agreement and the background on how the chosen
0 locations were determined. Discussion ensued about what the nitrogen fertilizer management
1 plan could mean for the farmers and the potential of putting the Whitewater Joint Powers Board
2 into an enforcement position.
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4 M. Flynn made a motion to accept the grant; seconded by L. Zabel.
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6 Chair J. Elsing asked for any discussion.
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8 S. Jacob wanted to know the parameters of the grant, what areas did it cover and why the
9 Whitewater Joint Powers Board is governing areas outside the board's jurisdiction. He said the
0 grant would be better placed with the One Watershed One Plan and he would not support the
1 grant. He would want to see nitrate information for the properties before he could vote to
2 support the grant.
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4 Chair J. Elsing asked if there was a deadline for the agreement. Per S. Harmes, the Minnesota
5 Department of Agriculture would like to start it November 8, 2021. Additional discussion ensued
6 about the various committees and boards involved in water protection.
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8 S. Jacob made a motion to amend the original motion, to remove the words "and Groundwater
9 Protection Rule" (page 2 of Exhibit A Work Plan). The WWJPB discussed the objective as
0 stated in the Work Plan and the Groundwater Protection Rule, as described in the Background
1 section. The WWJPB discussed being put into an enforcement position should they accept the
2 grant as is. It was further discussed whether or not implementation means enforcement. No
3 WWJPB member seconded this motion.
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5 After much discussion, S. Jacob made a motion to strike the verbiage "*This objective is to*
6 *support the implementation of the Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan (NFMP) and*
7 *Groundwater Protection Rule (GPR) within the project are defined.*" The motion was seconded
8 by L. Zabel.
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0 J. Elsing made an amendment to the amendment to additionally remove the headline of the
1 Exhibit A Work Plan: *Implementing the Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan (NFMP)*;
2 seconded by L. Zabel. S. Jacob accepted the amendment to the amendment.
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4 Vote on the amendment to the amendment: Yes – All.
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6 L. Zabel made a motion to keep verbiage about the Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan
7 (NFMP). No WWJPB member seconded this motion.
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9 J. Elsing made a motion to strike sentence 3 and the words "*To accomplish this*" from sentence
0 4. Motion seconded by L. Zabel.
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2 The proposed language would read: "*There is one main objective of this Joint*
3 *Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)*
4 *and the Whitewater Watershed Project. The MDA needs assistance identifying*
5 *nitrogen fertilizer best management practices (BMPs) and alternative management*
6 *practices (AMTs) that can protect groundwater in this area. As well as promoting the*
7 *implementation of these BMPs and AMTs in targeted vulnerable cropland acres to*
8 *protect groundwater.*"
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0 Vote: Yes – All.
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2 Vote on the amendment: Yes – All.

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4 Vote on the motion, as amended: Yes – All.

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6 **c. Whitewater 319 Nonpoint Source Reduction grant update**

7 **1) Expenditure of Funds**

8 S. Harmes expressed her appreciation of the cooperation and coordination between the three
9 SWCD's for the expenditure of the 319 Nonpoint Source Reduction grant funds. All was spent
0 except \$140.

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2 **d. Surface Water Assessment Grant Update**

3 All the monitoring has been completed. S. Harmes is working on the final report. One of her
4 recommendations she will include in her report is to go with a local lab for the E.Coli, such as the
5 Olmsted County lab.

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7 **8. Agency Reports**

8 None

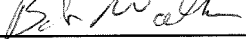
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0 S. Jacob asked for a future agenda item: asked for updates on how the selection process goes for the
1 Local Advisory Team for the Nitrogen Fertilizer Plan Agreement, should it be accepted as they amended it.
2 J. Elsing would want to know how and who it was introduced to. He would like to see more people involved.

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4 **9. Adjourn; Next meeting December 16, 2021**

5 The WWJPB changed the meeting date to Wednesday **December 15, 2021** at 8:30AM.

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7 On motion by M. Flynn and seconded by B. Walkes, the WWJPB voted to adjourn at 10:30am.
8 Vote: Yes – All.

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0 Respectfully submitted by:
1 Anne Schwertel, PL&ES Administrative Specialist

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3 Signed: 
4 WWJPB Secretary/Treasurer