

AREA II

AREA II / RCRC A

November 4, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
August Schell Brewery -- New Ulm, MN

AREA II Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Larry Anderson, Joe Drietz (arrived late), John Maatz, Luke Johnson and Glen Kack.

RCRCA Members Present: Jeff Veerkamp, Mark Wellner, Larry Anderson, Clark Lingbeek, Joe Drietz (arrived late), Glen Sorensen, Mark Meulebroeck, Paul Posthuma, Luke Johnson, Ed Carter and Glen Kack.

Others Present: Kerry Netzke – Executive Director, Joy Bruns RCRC A Office Manager, Charlie Sanow – Lyon County Commissioner, John Jaschke – BWSR Executive Director, Lee Bakken and Marlow Nelson,

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by RCRC A Chairman Johnson and Area II Chairman Maatz.

ADOPT AGENDA. Chairman Johnson asked for any additions to the Agenda. Netzke requested an addition for Lake Redwood Change Order #1. **RCRC A** - Motion by Posthuma, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote. **Area II** - Motion by Kack, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS.

DNR – Commissioner Johnson met with DNR recently and found it frustrating as they will not move forward with public waters issues until the Limbo Creek (Renville County) court case is finalized. LQP County voted to not certify a DNR land acquisition; the case went to the Land Exchange Board - which historically never rules in favor of a county - and LQP County decision was overturned. A DNR survey is out seeking public opinion as to how to raise more money.

AREA V MASWCD – The next meeting is scheduled for November 18 in Marshall. Carrie Jennings, Freshwater Society, will join virtually as the guest speaker. The Annual Convention will be in-person December 13-14 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Bloomington.

AMC – District meetings were recently held. The Annual Conference will be in-person in December 6-7-8 in St. Paul.

LQP-YB Watershed District – Netzke reported that David Ludvigson passed away on October 30 as he battled cancer; the funeral is today. Netzke asked the board to sign a sympathy card for the family.

APPROVE RCRC A MINUTES of October 2021 Board Meeting. Motion by Carter, seconded by Meulebroeck, to approve the October 2021 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

APPROVE AREA II MINUTES of October 2021 Board Meeting. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the October 2021 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

APPROVE RCRC A TREASURER’S REPORT – October 2021. Financials were reviewed with the Board. Motion by Veerkamp, seconded by Posthuma, to file the October 2021 Treasurer’s Report subject to audit and to authorize payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

APPROVE AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT – October 2021. Financials were reviewed with the Board. Revenue Received: \$4,193.13 Contract Services Income, \$140,000.00 Admin Grant, \$93.00 Other Income

MCIT dividend), and \$17.79 Interest. Bill for approval: Bolton & Menk, Inc. \$4,864.00. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Anderson, to file the October 2021 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Revenue as recorded:

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| Contract Service Income (RCRCA) | \$ 4,193.13 | Projects-Bonding | \$ 0.00 |
| Interest Income | \$ 17.79 | County Levy | \$ 0.00 |
| State of MN-Administrative | \$ 140,000.00 | SWCD Tech Assistance | \$ 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$ 93.00 | | |

Paid bills are summarized below:

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| Administration | \$ 15,968.42 | Office Supplies | \$ 0.00 |
| Bonding Project Funds | \$ 0.00 | Other Insurance | \$ 0.00 |
| Capital Outlay | \$ 0.00 | Postage | \$ 0.00 |
| Contract Services - RCRCA | \$ 1,309.88 | Professional Services | \$ 3,648.00 |
| Directors' Expense | \$ 0.00 | Project Expenses Paid | \$140,696.13 |
| Directors' Insurance | \$ 0.00 | Project Permit Fees | \$ 0.00 |
| Employee Expense | \$ 16.80 | Rent | \$ 837.00 |
| Field Supplies | \$ 0.00 | Telephone | \$ 57.85 |
| Investigating & Testing | \$ 0.00 | Utilities | \$ 0.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$ 115.87 | Vehicle Expense | \$ 264.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | \$ 534.96 | Continuing Education | \$ 0.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 0.00 | | |

Bill for approval:

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| Professional Fees | \$ 4,864.00 |
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RCRCA – APPROVE CWF COST SHARE APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS/CANCELLATIONS.

NEW CONTRACTS:

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| CWF-2021-08 | | |
| Eric Fultz | Springdale 22 - Redwood | 638 WSCB |
| EST Cost: \$13,187.00 | | EST Cost Share: \$9,890.25 (75.0%) |
| | | <u>CWF C/S: \$1,978.05 (15.0%)</u> |
| | | 319 Funds \$7,912.20 (60.0%) |

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:

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| CWF-2021-03 | | |
| Landuyt Land & Livestock | Springdale 13/24 - Redwood | 410 Grade Stabilization |
| EST Cost: \$96,105.75 | | EST Cost Share: \$72,079.31 (75%) |
| | | CWF C/S: \$24,026.44 (25%) |
| | | 319 Funds \$48,052.87 (50%) |
| Amended Cost: \$103,818.33 | | Amended C/S: \$77,863.75 (75%) |
| | | <u>CWF C/S: \$29,810.88 (28.7%)</u> |
| | | 319 Funds \$48,052.87 (46.3%) |

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| CWF-2021-04 | | |
| Landuyt Land & Livestock | Springdale 13/24 - Redwood | Road Retention |
| EST Cost: \$49,440.23 | | EST Cost Share: \$37,080.17 (75%) |
| | | CWF C/S: \$12,360.05 (25%) |
| | | 319 Funds \$24,720.12 (50%) |
| Amended Cost: \$51,722.38 | | Amended C/S: \$38,791.78 (75%) |
| | | <u>CWF C/S: \$14,071.66 (27.5%)</u> |
| | | 319 Funds \$24,720.12 (47.8%) |

CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENT:

| CFW-2021-03 | | |
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| Landuyt Land & Livestock | Springdale 13/24 - Redwood | 410 Grade Stabilization |
| EST Cost: \$96,105.75 | EST Cost Share: \$72,079.31 (75%) | CFW C/S: \$24,026.44 (25%) |
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| ACT Cost: \$103,818.33 | ACT Cost Share: \$77,863.75 (75%) | <u>CFW C/S: \$29,810.88 (28.7%)</u> |
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| | | 319 Funds \$24,720.12 (47.8%) |

| CFW-2021-06 | | |
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| Steve Meyer | Holly 7 - Murray | 378 Pond |
| EST Cost: \$16,496.00 | EST Cost Share: \$12,372.00 (75%) | ACT Cost Share: \$12,372.00 (75%) |
| ACT Cost: \$16,496.00 | | <u>CFW C/S: \$ 4,124.00 (25%)</u> |
| | | 319 Funds \$ 8,248.00 (50%) |

| CFW-2021-07 | | |
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| Eric Fultz | Springdale 22 - Redwood | 638 WSCB |
| EST Cost: \$35,716.20 | EST Cost Share: \$26,787.15 (75.0%) | CFW C/S: \$24,698.70 (69.2%) |
| | | 319 Funds \$2,088.45 (5.8%) |
| ACT Cost: \$31,072.20 | ACT Cost Share: \$23,304.15 (75.0%) | <u>CFW C/S: \$21,215.70 (68.3%)</u> |
| | | 319 Funds \$2,088.45 (6.7%) |

Netzke presented one new cost share contract for approval: Springdale 22 – Redwood 638 WSCBs; two contract amendments on Springdale 13/24 – 410 Grade Stabilization and Springdale 13/24 – Road Retention; and four cost share payments: 1) Springdale 13/24 –410 Grade Stabilization, 2) Springdale 13/24 – Road Retention, 3) Holly 7 – 378 Pond, and 4) Springdale 22 – 638 WSCB. Motion by Carter, seconded by Sorensen, to approve the contract, amendments and payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.

- **Funeral for Eloise Hauschild** – A plant arrangement from both organizations was provided for the funeral of Joy Bruns’ mother, Eloise Hauschild. Eloise was the wife of Carl Hauschild, long-time commissioner for Lincoln County and board member of Area II and RCRC.

AREA II

- **BWSR Water Storage and Treatment Program** – Rita Weaver, BWSR Chief Engineer held a listening session on October 22 in Marshall to discuss the \$2M appropriated to BWSR for this new program. An online session was held October 26. From the statute language, BWSR is focusing on “water rate and volume reduction”. The consensus of the Marshall group felt this initial funding should go towards shovel-ready and permitted floodwater retention projects of a capital investment nature (25+ year life), with no funding for planning or soil health cost-share/incentives.
- **Senate Bonding Committee** – Committee Administrator, Suzy Geroux contacted Netzke on October 22 asking for her participation with the committee’s visit to Marshall on October 27. Senator Dahms had recommended Netzke for a 10-minute presentation about Area II for the \$1 million request for bonding. The presentation was very well received and positive comments from committee members. In discussion with Senator Dahms, he supports increasing our request to \$1.5 million. Netzke will amend the existing request to the new amount.
- **LQP-YB 1W1P** – Steering Team and Policy Committee meetings were held on October 27 in Dawson. The Kick-off Meeting held on September 22 had 27 attendees with many concerns and issues noted for inclusion with the planning effort. BWSR staff felt that this kickoff meeting was probably the best ever as far as participants freely speaking up about concerns without having to be encouraged. Houston Engineering has created a unique way to incorporate the survey results with the oral comments to organize the issues.

RCRCA

- **Lake Redwood Dredging** – Work this month included:
 - 1) **Contractor Pre-Construction Meeting (virtual)**: Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) hosted a virtual pre-construction meeting with JF Brennan, RCRCA and City of Redwood Falls on October 6.
 - 2) **Permits**: We are awaiting the “License to Cross Public Lands and Waters” from DNR. DNR had been awaiting payment, however HEI informed them that payment was exempt for this project. Brennan will not be placing the pipe across the bridge until Spring 2022.
 - 3) **2021 Construction Update**:
 - a. Pipe shipments and fusing began October 11.
 - b. Installation of pipeline through driveways, 2 township roads and field approaches began October 25 and was completed on October 26. MCC did an excellent job on the road crossings and no complaints from residents or the townships were received.
 - c. Mathiowetz Construction Company (MCC) placed riprap in the CDF outlet channel, and placed FlexaMat (anchored concrete matting) on the Emergency Spillway at the CDF. The riprap and hydroseeding were acceptable, however the FlexaMat was not installed according to manufacturer’s directions. The work has been rejected and we await how Brennan/MCC will correct this. Due to this rejection, no partial payment will be requested for the month of October.
 - d. Weekly virtual progress meetings are held on Tuesday at 1:00 PM to recap the prior week’s work and to plan the next week. Brennan’s proposed design of the outlet structure was discussed on October 26 and will be submitted to DNR Dam Safety for their approval as well.

AREA II – ENGINEER’S REPORT.

Springdale 19 Dam, Redwood County. R & G Construction has started work on this project. Trees have been cleared and earthwork has started. The recent wet weather is delaying construction. ***Del Clark Lake Sediment Ponds, Yellow Medicine County.*** We are working on the final payment for this project and have provided the contractor with a punch list of final work to be completed. ***Springdale 13/24 Grade Stabilization, Redwood County.*** L&S Construction has completed work on this project except for seeding and mulching. We are working on payment to the contractor. ***Holly 7 Water and Sediment Control Basin, Murray County.*** Ryan West has completed work on this project. We are working on the final payment. ***Perch Lake Outlet, Lincoln County.*** We have completed a report for Lincoln County on the feasibility of extending a tile to this lake to act as an outlet. The option appears feasible and the County is interested in more information. A survey has been completed by the County and we will be preparing plans for the project. ***Nordland 20 Small Dam, Lyon County.*** We have completed most of the design work for this small dam. The proposed structure is located just upstream from a larger dam constructed in 2019 and would capture sediment before it enters the larger dam’s reservoir. ***Shaokatan 31 Small Dam Repair, Lincoln County.*** Design work is nearly completed for this dam repair. The pond behind

the dam is used primarily for cattle watering and has insufficient capacity to store water. As part of the project, the top of dam elevation is proposed to be raised and the outlet pipe replaced. ***Island Lake 19 Small Dam, Lyon County.*** We have started design work for this structure which would help to capture sediment. ***Ruthon WMA Flood Analysis.*** We are waiting for the DNR to complete further modeling and will then comment on the effects the WMA has on adjacent flooding issues. ***Fortier 24 Small Dam Repair, Yellow Medicine County.*** At the request of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, we have prepared a preliminary cost estimate for replacing the corrugated metal pipe on this dam. The Watershed District has some additional funding available from the Del Clark Lake CWF project and is interested in completing an additional project. The cost estimate for the project is around \$50,000. The landowner has determined that he cannot afford any contribution at this time. ***Springdale 24 Small Dam, Redwood County.*** We have completed preliminary design for this dam just northwest of Walnut Grove. The site is just off of Plum Creek and offers good flood reduction for the drainage area which includes a portion of the City. The cost estimate is about \$180,000 and the landowner will now need to decide if she wants to proceed further. ***Nordland 8 Dam Repair, Lyon County.*** Preliminary design has been completed for this small dam repair. The estimated cost is about \$17,000 with a watershed of only 16 acres. ***Amiret 28 Diversion, Lyon County.*** Bids have been received for this project, with the low bidder being Towne & Country Construction at \$26,406.00. The second bidder was R & G Construction at \$35,786.00, while the engineer's estimate with contingency was \$24,780.00. Amiret Township has agreed to pay the difference between the estimate and bid price. Construction will start November 1 dependent upon the weather.

LAKE REDWOOD RECLAMATION PROJECT UPDATE.

Engineering: Houston Engineering, Inc.'s report for the September 5 to October 16, 2021 period was reviewed.

RCRCA – DRAFT FY22 BUDGET. Netzke presented the board with a draft budget with a 1% COLA and 1% Step increase. Discussion followed including the proposed COLAs being offered by the member counties. The board asked Netzke to add another column to the budget for a 2% COLA and 1% Step. The changes will be made and brought to the board in December for approval.

RCRCA – LAKE REDWOOD CHANGE ORDER #1. Netzke reminded the Board that bids were accepted with at least two change orders planned: 1) for construction of the booster pump station(s) that would be located by the awarded bidder; and 2) for water quality monitoring of CDF effluent. Netzke presented Change Order #1 in the amount of \$30,292.50. The change order allows JF Brennan to construct the single booster pump station on the south side of State Hwy 19, maintain it throughout its use, and complete removal and restoration of the area upon project completion. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Posthuma, to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$30,292.50 for the booster pump station. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Following the adjournment, registration will begin for the 2021 Annual Legislative Gathering. A tour of the August Schell Brewery is planned, followed by a taste testing session and a meal. John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director, spoke to the group and credited each organization for working on watershed based implementation long before One Watershed One Plan was developed. Jaschke feels both organizations are extremely efficient and successful given the annual budgets that they work within. Senator Gary Dahms addressed the group before the meal with compliments to both organizations for their decades of existence and successful conservation work.

ADJOURNMENT. With no other business, RCRCA Chairman Johnson and Area II Chairman Maatz adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM. The next meeting will be December 2, 2021 in Redwood Falls.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

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| December Board Meeting | Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 | Redwood Learning Center, Redwood Falls, MN |
| January Board Meeting | Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 | Lyon County Courthouse, Marshall, MN |

John Maatz, AREA II Chairman

Date