

# AREA II

## AREA II / RCRCA

**June 1, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting – Redwood County Government Center, Redwood Falls, MN**

**AREA II Members Present:** Norman Holmen, John Maatz, Joe Drietz, Rick Anderson, Lori Gunnink, Luke Johnson, Lon Walling, and Glen Kack.

**RCRCA Members Present:** Greg Roiger, Norman Holmen, Joe Drietz, Glen Sorensen, Rick Anderson, Lori Gunnink, , Luke Johnson, Arvin Pater, Lon Walling, Ed Carter and Glen Kack.

**Others Present:** Kerry Netzke – Executive Director, Joy Bruns – RCRCA Office Manager, and John Boulton – YMRWD, Brian Martinson – Southwest MN Beet Sugar Cooperative.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Area II Chairman Johnson.

**ADOPT AGENDA.** Area II Chairman Johnson asked for any additions to the Agenda. Hearing none, motion made by Walling, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENCY AND MEETING REPORTS.**

**MN RIVER CONGRESS** – Netzke reported that the MN River Congress held a meeting on May 18 at the Redwood Area Community Center which was well attended. Netzke represented both Area II and RCRCA with a booth display and provided opening remarks at the meeting. Lingbeek also spoke on GBERBA.

**YMRWD** – Boulton reported that tiling permit applications are coming in strong. They continue to work on the Nordland 6 Road Retention (Lyon County) with Fall construction being planned. Netzke gave an update on the 1W1P status. Boulton noted that local legislative meetings were rescheduled due to the special session.

**DNR** – Within the approved Bonding Bill, funding for dam repair/removal included Brawner Lake at Camden State Park and R6 upstream of the Canby Dam. No bonding funds were allocated to the LQP-YB Watershed District or Area II. Senator Dahms and Representative Torkelson told the Redwood County Commissioners that the legislature took the 2016 Bonding Bill which was not signed by the Governor, cut it in half, then added in more brick and mortar projects.

**APPROVE RCRCA MINUTES of May 4, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting.** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Drietz, to approve the May 2017 Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AREA II MINUTES of May 4, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting.** Motion by Drietz, seconded by Gunninck, to approve the May 2017 Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE RCRCA TREASURER’S REPORT – May 2017.** Netzke reviewed the financials with the Board. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sorensen, to approve the May 2017 Treasurer’s Report and the bills as paid. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AREA II TREASURER’S REPORT – May 2017.** Netzke reviewed the financials with the Board. Income received: \$84,517.00 FY2017 County Levy, \$6,137.19 Contract Services Income, \$55.22 Interest Income, and \$196.60 Reimbursement from RCRCA for boat batteries. Expenses were routine with 3 pay periods. The windshield was replaced in the 2008 Ford pickup and the used GPS unit was purchased for \$2,700.00. Miscellaneous Expense includes: \$300.00 Dam Safety permit and \$200.00 Adopt-A-Highway donation. One bill for approval: \$9,831.00 Professional Services (6 week billing period). Motion by Gunnink, seconded by Holmen, to approve the May 2017 Treasurer’s Report and payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**Revenue as recorded:**

Contract Service Income (RCRCA)	\$ 6,137.19	Projects-Bonding	\$ -0-
Interest Income	\$ 55.22	County Levy	\$ 84,517.00
State of MN-Administrative	\$ -0-	1W1P Grant Funds	\$ -0-
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 196.60		

**Paid bills are summarized below:**

Administration	\$ 19,534.73	Directors’ Expense	\$ -0-
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 127.66	Rent	\$ 837.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 876.87	Office Supplies	\$ -0-
Professional Services	\$ 4,548.00	Vehicle Expense	\$ 450.98
Contract Services - RCRCA	\$ 887.04	Field Supplies	\$ 45.63
Bonding Project Funds	\$ -0-	Employee Expense	\$ 218.16
Postage	\$ -0-	Project Expense	\$ -0-
1W1P Grant Expenses	\$ -0-	Investigating & Testing	\$ 8,200.00
Directors’ Insurance	\$ -0-	Telephone	\$ 19.64
Other Insurance	\$ -0-	Capital Outlay	\$ 2,700.00

**Approved bills for payment are summarized below:**

Professional Services	\$ 9,831.00
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**RCRCA - APPROVE NEW COST SHARE APPLICATIONS:** None

**RCRCA CONTRACTS FOR AMENDMENT:** None

**RCRCA CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENT:** None

**AREA II – APPROVE NEW COST SHARE APPLICATIONS:**

<b>Waraju, Inc.</b>	<b>Redwood – Johnsonville 34W</b>	<b>410 Grade Stabilization Repair</b>
<b>Original Estimate: \$30,403.73</b>	<b>Original Cost Share: \$22,802.80 (75%)</b>	
<b>Selmar (Sam) Smith</b>	<b>Lyon – Nordland 20 SE</b>	<b>410 Grade Stabilization Structure</b>
<b>Original Estimate: \$46,315.23</b>	<b>Original Cost Share: \$34,736.43 (75%)</b>	
<b>Mike Mortier</b>	<b>Lyon – Nordland 20 SW</b>	<b>410 Grade Stabilization Repair</b>
<b>Original Estimate: \$25,292.58</b>	<b>Original Cost Share: \$18,969.44 (75%)</b>	
<b>Marvin Sabinske</b>	<b>Lyon – Sodus 36</b>	<b>410 Grade Stabilization Repair</b>
<b>Original Estimate: \$32,000.00</b>	<b>Original Cost Share: \$24,000.00 (75%)</b>	

Netzke presented four new cost share contract applications: 1) Redwood – Johnsonville 34W Grade Stabilization Repair, 2) Lyon – Nordland 20 SE 410 Grade Stabilization Structure, 3) Lyon – Nordland 20 SW 410 Grade Stabilization Repair and 4) Lyon – Sodus 36 410 Grade Stabilization Repair.

## AREA II CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

<b>Dane Schmiesing</b> <b>Original Bid: \$26,428.00</b>	<b>Redwood – Gales 26</b>	<b>Water Sediment Control Basins</b> <b>Original Cost Share: \$19,821.00 (75%)</b> <b>Amended Cost Share: \$162.00 ( 0.62%)</b> <b>EQIP Cost Share: \$19,659.00 (74.38%)</b>
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Netzke presented one Cost Share Contract Amendment for Redwood – Gales 26. EQIP funding slippage was made available for the project, reducing Area II's cost share amount.

## AREA II CONTRACTS FOR CANCELLATION:

<b>Goody's Farms LLC</b> <b>Original Bid: \$20,688.89</b>	<b>Lyon – Nordland 28</b>	<b>Small Dam Repair</b> <b>Original Cost Share: \$15,516.67 (75%)</b>
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The landowner has decided to not do the project at this time.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Walling, to approve the Area II new cost share contracts, contract amendment, and cost share contract cancellation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

- Attended the MN River Congress in Redwood Falls on May 18. Free booth display for RCRCA and Area II in exchange for providing opening remarks.
- Vacation – Netzke will be taking the week of June 12-16 off for a family wedding in South Dakota.

## AREA II

- **Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan (1W1P):** The Plan Work Group met on May 8 to work on the MOA for Implementation. Performance Based Funding (*aka "Fund The Plan"*) was included in the Omnibus Environment bill for \$9.75M
- **Dam Inspections** – Wellner-Hageman, Schoper-Bush and Walnut Grove (Lake Laura) were inspected on May 23. The inspections scheduled for May 22 have been postponed until June 5 due the heavy rainfalls. Netzke noted that there is gravel mining near the Hauschild-Thange Dam which will need to be monitored closely and reported beaver activity at the Sonstegaard-Telste Dam.
- Replaced windshield on the pickup as the two rock chips were too large to repair.
- **Biennial Appropriation** – the Legislature approved \$140,000/year to Area II in sf844/hf711.

## RCRCA

- **Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG):** Stream samples were collected May 8, 9 and 23, 29. Wahnoutka and Devin Ryan collected lake samples on May 24, 25 with the new boat. A teleconference with the MPCA Project Manager will be held in early June to discuss any challenges or changes needed to the sampling routine.
- **Phase 1 WRAPS:** The next "Local Work Group Kick-Off" meetings for the Cottonwood and Redwood watersheds will be held on the afternoon of June 8 in Marshall.
- **Discovery Farms** – With 4" of rainfall, Wahnoutka was busy with the site. Devin Ryan and I visited the site on May 19 for backup training.
- **CWF Grant Workshop** – In preparation of the upcoming grant application period, BWSR is hosting a workshop in Marshall on the morning of June 8. This is intended to assist the watersheds/organizations that do not have the "targeted" plans/areas in getting grant funds. The grants will be submitted in August.
- Replaced windshield on the Ford pickup as a passing cement truck cracked the windshield. MCIT is contacting the cement company on our behalf, as the windshield cost was less than the \$500 deductible. At the same time, the Check Engine light came on. The manifold intake gasket required replacement as the air/fuel mixture was running too lean. The repair estimate was \$561.50; the Treasurer was contacted for prior approval of the expenditure.

## 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP.

### Area II –

FY'18/FY19 Administrative Services – hf398/sf348 – \$140,000/year for Area II administration was approved.

Area II Bonding – hf447/sf588 – Area II was not included in the Bonding Bill.

LQP-YB WD Bonding – hf1230/sf761 – This request was not included in the Bonding Bill.

### RCRCA –

Lake Redwood Reclamation and Enhancement Project – hf413/sf294 – \$7.825M in bonding. This funding had been included up until the Special Session, but was cut from the final bill. From the discussion that the Redwood County Commissioners had with Senator Dahms and Representative Torkelson, bonding funds for Lake Redwood and Area II will likely be included in the 2018 Bonding Bill which is the customary year for bonding.

## AREA II ENGINEER'S REPORT.

**Redwood Falls 18 Small Dam, Redwood County.** We are still awaiting the Corp's further review and comments. They are waiting for the cultural resources to clear before proceeding. **Lincoln CD 37 Pump Station, Lincoln County.** We continue to process shop drawings and are awaiting the contractor's construction schedule. **Morton Dam Repair – Birch Cooley 19, Renville County.** We are revising the design as the adjacent landowner recently changed his mind about selling a portion of his property for the emergency spillway. In light of this change, the project will be redesigned with a larger pipe so an emergency spillway is not required. The job is being constructed using Flood Recovery Funds from the Renville SWCD. **Delhi 5 Small Dam and Diversion, Redwood County.** Bids were received for these projects. For the small dam, Brey Tiling was the low bidder at \$45,178.00; the second low bidder was Ryan West Excavating with a bid of \$51,820.61. The Engineer's Estimate was \$58,363.00. This project is funded through EQIP. For the diversion project, Ryan West Excavating was the low bidder at \$26,605.80; the second low bidder was Thompson Excavating with a bid of \$33,716.00. The Engineer's Estimate was \$26,050.00. This project is funded through the Redwood SWCD. **Charlestown 34 Small Dam, Redwood County.** This small dam was planned several years ago upon this property, but sand was discovered in the borings. A new site, further upstream of the previous location has now been investigated and was found to have better soils. We recently met with the landowner who is ready to proceed with the project. The plans have been forwarded to the Corps of Engineers, DNR and WCA for permitting. Purchase of wetland credits is proposed as mitigation for wetland impacts. **Charlestown 30 Small Dam (Pfarr).** Construction work has resumed on this project since last Fall. Unfortunately, the sand which was discovered last Fall is more extensive than thought at that time. The design has again been revised to include a 4' clay liner over all exposed sand areas based on input from Bruce Card, PE, American Engineering Testing who visited the site on May 8, 2017. The pond excavation has been reduced in order to avoid a further increase in the project cost as requested by the landowner. **Charlestown 30 Small Dam (Jeckell), Redwood County.** Bids were received for this project, with Ryan West Excavating being the low bidder at \$69,039.20; the second low bidder was Mathiowetz Construction with a bid of \$72,237.00. The Engineer's Estimate was \$84,635.50. This project is being funded with Flood Recovery funds through the Redwood SWCD. **Nordland 20 Small Dam, Lyon County.** The plans for this dam are completed and the Joint Permit Application to the Corps, DNR and WCA has been submitted. The dam will impact a small wetland area, so mitigation of the impact in terms of a bypass tile line is anticipated to be required. Wetland credit purchase is also proposed. **Johnsonville 34 Small Dam Repair, Redwood County.** This project is ready for construction when the soil conditions are suitable. This project is being funded with Flood Recovery funds through the Redwood SWCD. **Shelburne 19 Wetland Restoration, Lyon County.** In conjunction with the Lyon SWCD, we designed this wetland restoration for a landowner near Florence, who wishes to create a wildlife pond on his property. After meeting with the landowner, it appears that he will pursue a less expensive option which he can fund by himself. **Nordland 6 Road Retention, Lyon County.** This road retention project, which was originally proposed about three years ago, is again being pursued by the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District. Total local funding of \$20,000 has been committed from the YMRWD, Eidsvold and Nordland Townships; approximately \$7,000 will be requested from Lyon County. This project may be completed with Bonding funds this summer or fall as permits are not needed. **Holly 1 Small Dam Repair, Murray County.** We met recently with the landowner of this project for concurrence on the design. We found out that additional watershed areas have been diverted to the dam site in the past, so some redesign of the structure is needed. **Sodus 36 Small Dam Repair, Lyon County.** This is another typical dam repair project where the corrugated metal pipe is badly corroded. Design work is nearly completed for this work.

**FY'18 AREA II BUDGET.** Netzke reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. Revisions from last month were discussed. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Anderson, to approve Option 2 (2% COLA and 1% merit raise) for FY'18. Motion carried unanimously.

**RCRCA – JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RENEWAL (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019).** Netzke presented the Board with the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement. The partners that had authorization to sign the agreement, and were present, signed the Joint Powers Agreement. The remainder of the signatories will be contacted individually to sign the agreement by the end of the month.

**ADJOURNMENT.** With no other business to address, Area II Chairman Johnson and RCRCA Chairman Holmen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS.**

July 2017 Board Meeting	July 6, 2017	Marshall, MN – BWSR Conference Room – 9:00 AM
August 2017 Board Meeting	August 3, 2017	Redwood Falls, MN – MN West Conf. Room – 9:00 AM
September 2017 Board Meeting	September 7, 2017	Marshall, MN – BWSR Conference Room – 9:00 AM