



# Meeting Minutes

## Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting

December 12, 2022, 1 p.m., In-person and Teleconference using Microsoft Teams

### Board Members in Attendance

Dakota County Commissioner Mike Slavik, Chair

Scott County Commissioner Tom Wolf, Vice Chair

### Others in Attendance

Bruce Johnson, Dakota County SWCD, Supervisor

Melissa Bokman-Ermer, Scott County, Watershed Co-administrator

Jennifer Wolf, Assistant Dakota County Attorney, VRWJPO Counsel (virtual)

Travis Thiel, Dakota County, VRWJPO Senior Watershed Specialist

Mark Ryan, Dakota County, VRWJPO Water Resources Engineer

Brita Moore-Kutz, Dakota County, VRWJPO Communications and Outreach Specialist

Mark Zabel, VRWJPO Watershed Administrator (virtual)

Nikki Stewart, Environmental Resources Department Director, Dakota County

Zach Nagel, Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Community (virtual)

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Commissioners Slavik and Wolf were in attendance.

### 3. Audience Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments from the audience.

### 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2022, Meeting
- c. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
- d. Approval of VRWJPB Meeting Dates for 2023

e. WPC Candidate Consideration and Appointment

*Res. No. VRW 22-25: Motion by Commissioner Wolf, Second by Commissioner Slavik and passed on a 2-0 vote to approve the consent agenda.*

**5. Approval of Expenses**

Travis Thiel presented the current expenses for approval as shown on item 5.

*Res. No. VRW 22-26: Motion by Commissioner Wolf, Second by Commissioner Slavik and passed on a 2-0 vote to approve the expenses totaling \$161,435.75 incurred between September 14, 2022, and November 14, 2022.*

**Business Items**

**6a. Adoption of VRWJPO 2023 Budget and Watershed Management Tax District Levy**

Travis Thiel noted that there were no significant changes to the budget in comparison to what had been presented at the August 25, 2022, Board meeting. There is a slight increase in the budget total reflecting a change in the wetland bank line item. There have been additional sales of wetland credits resulting in an additional \$34,100 of budget. There were also minor changes in the levy rate and impact estimates based on new calculations since August.

*Res. No. VRW 22-27: Motion by Commissioner Wolf, Second by Commissioner Slavik and passed on a 2-0 vote to Adopt the VRWJPO 2023 Budget and Watershed Management Tax District Levy.*

**Staff Reports**

Staff reports were deferred due to an urgent appointment by Commissioner Wolf.

**Adjourn**

*Motion by Commissioner Wolf, Second by Commissioner Slavik and passed on a 2-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m.*

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 1 p.m. in Conference Room A at the Dakota County Extension and Conservation Center, 4100 220<sup>th</sup> Street West, Farmington, MN.

Respectfully submitted by

Mark Zabel

Administrator for the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

Attest

  
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Commissioner Secretary/Treasurer

1/26/2023  
Date