



Agenda

Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission

November 20, 2024 – 4:30 p.m., In-person and Teleconference via MS Teams

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Audience Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
(please limit audience comments to five minutes)
4. Approval of Agenda Action
5. Approval of Minutes from the August 14, 2024, Meeting Action
6. Business Items
 - a) Recommend Adoption of the Final Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2025 Budget and Watershed Management Tax District Levy Action
 - b) Approval of 2024 Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Meeting Dates Action
 - c) Update on Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Member Terms and Status Information
 - d) Comments on Revised Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization Communication Plan Information
7. Updates
 - a) Chairperson's Report
 - b) Staff Updates
8. Adjourn Action

Please note, the November 20, 2024, Watershed Planning Commission meeting will take place **in-person** in Conference Room A at the Extension and Conservation Center, 4100 220th Street West, Farmington Minnesota **and via teleconference** on the web-based application, Microsoft Teams.

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Other Information

Next Meeting Date: **February 12, 2025**, at 4:30 p.m.

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Minutes

Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission (WPC) Meeting

August 14, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

In-person and Microsoft Teams Videoconference

WPC Members in Attendance

Brad Blackett
Josh Borton
Kevin Chamberlain
Steve Hamrick
Andy Riesgraf

VRWJPO Staff in Attendance

Travis Thiel, VRWJPO Administrator
Jeff Dunn, Water Resources Engineer
Brita Moore-Kutz, Communications & Outreach Specialist
Kelly Perrine, Senior Watershed Specialist

Others in Attendance

Nikki Stewart, Environmental Resources Department Director,
Dakota County (virtual)
Curt Coudron, Resource Conservationist, Dakota County Soil &
Water Conservation District

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Josh Borton at 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

All members present except Commissioner Kotz.

3. Audience Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

No comments.

4. Approval of Agenda

Travis Thiel noted that item 6d, the site visits of two Capital Improvement Projects, was optional in case of inclement weather.

*Motion by Commissioner Blackett to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain.
Motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.*

5. Approval of Minutes from the May 8, 2024, Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Chamberlain to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Blackett. Motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

6. Business Items

a. Recommend Adoption of the Draft Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2025 Budget and Watershed Management Tax District Levy

Travis presented the draft budget, levy, and tax impact in Dakota and Scott counties, and explained differences in formatting between the 2025 draft budget and previous years.

Commissioner Chamberlain asked about the cash reserve listed at the end of the Expenses section, which was 9% of the total budget. Travis explained that the Joint Powers Board would like to keep a higher cash reserve than that, but current policy is to keep about 7-15% of the total budget in cash reserve.

Motion by Commissioner Chamberlain to recommend adoption of the draft budget to the Joint Powers Board, seconded by Commissioner Riesgraf. Motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

b. Update on the Status of Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2024 Budget-Identified Capital Improvement Projects

Jeff Dunn directed the WPC members to review the 2024 project updates listed in the meeting packet, though there was no formal presentation during the meeting. The WPC had received updates on these projects in previous meetings.

Kelly Perrine noted that the 2024 projects have fact sheets posted on the VRWJPO website, and that under-construction projects will have signage going forward that directs people to a “splash page” explaining what’s going on with the projects.

Information only.

c. Presentation and Discussion of Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization Planned 2025 and 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Projects

Kelly and Jeff shared about projects planned for the upcoming years and the funding sources being pursued, including:

- Continued East Lake (Lakeville) Invasive Fish Removals
- Firelight Way (Lakeville) Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Reduction
- Launch Park (Lakeville) Wetland Restoration
- Mork Wetland Bank (Castle Rock Township)
- Continued Alimagnet Lake (Apple Valley/Burnsville) Alum Treatment
- 4th and Willow (Farmington) TSS Reduction
- 15th and Bailey (Hastings) TSS Reduction

- North Creek at Denali Way (Farmington) Stream Restoration
- North Creek at Highway 3 (Empire) Stream Restoration

Staff took questions over the course of the discussion.

Information only.

d. Watershed Planning Commission Site Visits of Two Projects Immediately Following the Meeting

Members opted not to do the site visits that day since the meeting had run almost to its maximum amount of time prescribed and two members were absent. Staff will consider hosting site visits at a future meeting.

WPC members interested in visiting project locations on their own can contact staff with questions.

7. Adjourn

Vice Chair Borton had to leave early, which brought the total number of members present below the number needed for a quorum. He left before the end of the 6c presentation. The informational discussions continued after Commissioner Borton's departure, but no other actions requiring a quorum were taken.

Motion by Commissioner Hamrick to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Blackett. Motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

8. Updates

a. Chairperson's Report

None.

b. Staff Updates

Curt Coudron

- Implementing projects such as Water and Sediment Control Basins and Grassed Waterways
- Held pilot Lawns Reimagined classes earlier in the summer
- Third round of Landscaping for Clean Water grant applications is being processed

Kelly Perrine

- WPC and Technical Advisory Group invited to join survey meeting for prioritizing objectives in the Vermillion River Watershed Management Plan on September 25

Brita Moore-Kutz

- Managed the Natural Resources Building at the Dakota County Fair

6a. Recommend Adoption of the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2025 Final Budget and Watershed Management Tax District Levy

Meeting Date: 11/20/2024
Item Type: Regular-Action
Contact: Travis Thiel
Telephone: 952-891-7546
Prepared by: Travis Thiel
Reviewed by: N/A

N/A



PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

- Recommend adoption of the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) 2025 final budget and Watershed Management Tax District levy

SUMMARY

At the August 22, 2024, Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board (VRWJPB) meeting, the VRWJPB approved a draft VRWJPO 2025 budget of \$3,628,182 including cash reserves, Clean Water Fund grants, and Watershed-Based Implementation Fund grants (attachment A). The draft budget reflected recommendations from VRWJPO staff, partners, and items from the implementation section of the Watershed Plan. In August, the draft VRWJPO 2025 budget recommended a Watershed Management Tax District levy of \$1,026,882: \$36,050 in the Scott County portion of the watershed and \$990,832 in the Dakota County portion.

The proposed final VRWJPO 2025 budget is \$2,617,399 including cash reserves. Based on revised estimates from the County Taxation Offices at the time of developing the final budget, a recommended Watershed Management Tax District Levy of \$1,025,415 is proposed; \$36,050 in the Scott County portion of the watershed and \$989,365 in the Dakota County portion. This amount represents a slight increase in the overall Watershed Management Tax District levy compared to 2024 but results in no change in tax impact for the average residential property compared to 2024 (attachments B and C).

An approved 2025 budget will remain “draft” until such time as the VRWJPB approves a final budget and the Dakota County and Scott County Boards approve the Watershed Management Tax District levy in December of 2024.

RESOLUTION

6a. Recommendation to Adopt the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2025 Final Budget and Watershed Management Tax District Levy

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) requires a budget and the subsequent levy to implement the programs and projects described in its Watershed Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission has reviewed and discussed the VRWJPO 2025 final budget and Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of the VRWJPO 2025 final budget and recommends a Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District levy of \$1,025,415.

VRWJPO Final Draft 2025 Budget (11/8/24)

EXPENSES

| Budget Category | Budget Activity | Operations and Programs | CIP | Budget Total |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Administration and Operations | | | | |
| | Dakota County VRW Staff | \$ 182,500 | | \$ 182,500 |
| | Scott County VRW Staff | \$ 15,000 | | \$ 15,000 |
| | Legal Support | \$ 25,000 | | \$ 25,000 |
| | Miscellaneous Expenses (per diems, mileage, postage, etc.) | \$ 6,000 | | \$ 6,000 |
| | Training, Conferences, and Certifications | \$ 2,000 | | \$ 2,000 |
| Research and Planning | | | | |
| | Dakota SWCD Incentive Program Policy Assistance | \$ 3,000 | | \$ 3,000 |
| | Scott County Staff | \$ 7,000 | | \$ 7,000 |
| | VRW Staff | \$ 40,000 | | \$ 40,000 |
| Monitoring and Assessment | | | | |
| | Monitoring | \$ 125,000 | | \$ 125,000 |
| | USGS and DNR Flow Gaging | \$ 18,600 | | \$ 18,600 |
| | VRW Staff | \$ 15,000 | | \$ 15,000 |
| | General GIS support (Dakota SWCD) | \$ 2,500 | | \$ 2,500 |
| | Equipment/Supplies | \$ 1,000 | | \$ 1,000 |
| Public Communications and Outreach | | | | |
| | VRW Staff | \$ 90,000 | | \$ 90,000 |
| | Dakota SWCD Outreach and Education | \$ 40,000 | | \$ 40,000 |
| | Scott County SWCD Outreach and Education | \$ 2,500 | | \$ 2,500 |
| | Communication and Outreach Materials and Supplies | \$ 20,000 | | \$ 20,000 |
| | Local Standards/Ordinance and Turf/Salt Workshops | \$ 3,500 | | \$ 3,500 |
| | MDH Grant: Water Conservation and Landscaping for Clean Water Marketing | \$ 22,500 | | \$ 22,500 |
| Regulation | | | | |
| | Scott SWCD Assistance with Plan Review | \$ 2,500 | | \$ 2,500 |
| | VRW Staff-Permitting, Standards Assistance, Engineering/Environmental Review | \$ 30,000 | | \$ 30,000 |
| Coordination and Collaboration | | | | |
| | VRW Staff Coordination with other Organizations | \$ 30,000 | | \$ 30,000 |
| | Children's Water Festival Support | \$ 600 | | \$ 600 |
| | Watershed Partners | \$ 5,000 | | \$ 5,000 |
| Land and Water Treatment | | | | |
| Feasibility/Preliminary Studies | | | | |
| | Preliminary Design, Technical Assistance and Marketing for Capital Improvements (Dakota SWCD) | \$ 55,000 | | \$ 55,000 |
| | Preliminary Design, Technical Assistance and Marketing for Capital Improvements | \$ 110,000 | | \$ 110,000 |

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|---|--|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| General Capital Projects Cost Share | | | | |
| | Cost Share Programs in Dakota County (SWCD) | | \$ 110,000 | \$ 110,000 |
| | Cost Share Programs in Scott County (SWCD) | | \$ 45,000 | \$ 45,000 |
| | VRW General Cost-share or Misc. Grant Match | | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| | Past projects maintenance/repair | | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| | VRW staff construction oversight and grant development and admin | | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| FY23 CWF East Lake Fish Barrier | | | | |
| | East Lake Fish Barrier grant pass-through | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | VRWJPO cash match | | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 |
| FY24 CWF Alimagnet Alum Treatment | | | | |
| | Alimagnet Alum Treatment | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | VRWJPO cash match | | \$ 15,230 | \$ 15,230 |
| FY24-25 WBIF Lakeville Firelight Way TSS | | | | |
| | Firelight Way TSS Reduction grant pass-through | | \$ 184,300 | \$ 184,300 |
| | VRWJPO cash match | | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| FY24-25 WBIF Hastings 15th & Bailey TSS | | | | |
| | 15th & Bailey TSS Reduction grant pass-through | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | VRWJPO cash match | | \$ 26,250 | \$ 26,250 |
| FY24-25 WBIF Farmington 4th & Willow TSS | | | | |
| | 4th & Willow TSS Reduction grant pass-through | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | VRWJPO cash match | | \$ - | \$ - |
| Apple Valley ERV P55 Pond Retrofit | | | | |
| | VRWJPO cash match | | \$ 18,000 | \$ 18,000 |
| Cedar Ave/Launch Park Wetland Restoration | | | | |
| | VRWJPO cost share | | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| Mork Wetland Bank | | | | |
| | Mork Wetland Bank Easment & Construction | | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Wetland Bank Credit Sales | | | | |
| | Braun Wetland Bank Credit Sales | | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| Subtotal of Expenditures | | | \$ 854,200 | \$ 1,663,780 |
| Cash Reserve | | | | 4% |
| | | | | \$ 99,419 |
| TOTAL Annual Expenses | | | | \$ 2,617,399 |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| | Braun Wetland Bank Credit Revenue | | | \$ 50,000 |
| | Wetland Bank Revolving Fund Transfer | | | \$ 225,000 |
| | BWSR Wetland Bank (Mork) Revenue | | | \$ 400,000 |
| | CIP Carryover* | | | \$ 90,435 |
| | Operational and Program Carryover* | | | \$ 403,365 |
| | Grant Revenue | | | \$ 372,184 |
| | Fees for Permitting Activities | | | \$ 1,000 |
| | Dakota County Levy | | | \$ 989,365 |
| | Scott County Levy | | | \$ 36,050 |
| | Investment Earnings | | | \$ 50,000 |
| Total Revenues | | | | \$ 2,617,399 |

*Are estimated based on Finance projections

Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District
 Estimated Pay 2025 Taxes * (Dakota County)

Residential Property

| Market Value | Tax Capacity | Proposed 2025 Levy | | | | | | | | 2024 Actual | 2023 Actual | 2022 Actual | 2021 Actual | 2020 Actual | 2019 Actual | 2018 Actual | 2017 Actual | 2016 Actual | 2015 Actual | 2014 Actual |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | \$300,000 | \$400,000 | \$500,000 | \$750,000 | \$989,365 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,250,000 | \$1,500,000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rate | | 0.05975% | 0.09031% | 0.12086% | 0.19725% | 0.27038% | 0.27363% | 0.35002% | 0.42640% | 0.2703% | 0.2870% | 0.3470% | 0.3480% | 0.3990% | 0.4030% | 0.4290% | 0.4490% | 0.4490% | 0.4660% | 0.5450% |
| Various Values | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$150,000 | 1,170 | \$0.70 | \$1.06 | \$1.41 | \$2.31 | \$3.16 | \$3.20 | \$4.09 | \$4.99 | \$3.16 | \$3.62 | \$4.06 | \$4.07 | \$4.67 | \$4.71 | \$5.02 | \$5.25 | \$5.25 | \$5.45 | \$6.37 |
| \$170,000 | 1,388 | \$0.83 | \$1.25 | \$1.68 | \$2.74 | \$3.75 | \$3.80 | \$4.86 | \$5.92 | \$3.75 | \$4.25 | \$4.81 | \$4.83 | \$5.54 | \$5.59 | \$5.95 | \$6.23 | \$6.23 | \$6.47 | \$7.56 |
| \$185,000 | 1,551 | \$0.93 | \$1.40 | \$1.87 | \$3.06 | \$4.19 | \$4.24 | \$5.43 | \$6.61 | \$4.19 | \$4.72 | \$5.38 | \$5.40 | \$6.19 | \$6.25 | \$6.65 | \$6.96 | \$6.96 | \$7.23 | \$8.45 |
| \$190,000 | 1,606 | \$0.96 | \$1.45 | \$1.94 | \$3.17 | \$4.34 | \$4.39 | \$5.62 | \$6.85 | \$4.34 | \$4.87 | \$5.57 | \$5.59 | \$6.41 | \$6.47 | \$6.89 | \$7.21 | \$7.21 | \$7.48 | \$8.75 |
| \$200,000 | 1,715 | \$1.02 | \$1.55 | \$2.07 | \$3.38 | \$4.64 | \$4.69 | \$6.00 | \$7.31 | \$4.63 | \$5.19 | \$5.95 | \$5.97 | \$6.84 | \$6.91 | \$7.36 | \$7.70 | \$7.70 | \$7.99 | \$9.34 |
| \$210,000 | 1,824 | \$1.09 | \$1.65 | \$2.20 | \$3.60 | \$4.93 | \$4.99 | \$6.38 | \$7.78 | \$4.93 | \$5.50 | \$6.33 | \$6.35 | \$7.28 | \$7.35 | \$7.82 | \$8.19 | \$8.19 | \$8.50 | \$9.94 |
| \$225,000 | 1,987 | \$1.19 | \$1.79 | \$2.40 | \$3.92 | \$5.37 | \$5.44 | \$6.95 | \$8.47 | \$5.37 | \$5.97 | \$6.89 | \$6.91 | \$7.93 | \$8.01 | \$8.52 | \$8.92 | \$8.92 | \$9.26 | \$10.83 |
| \$250,000 | 2,260 | \$1.35 | \$2.04 | \$2.73 | \$4.46 | \$6.11 | \$6.18 | \$7.91 | \$9.63 | \$6.11 | \$6.75 | \$7.84 | \$7.86 | \$9.02 | \$9.11 | \$9.69 | \$10.15 | \$10.15 | \$10.53 | \$12.31 |
| \$275,000 | 2,532 | \$1.51 | \$2.29 | \$3.06 | \$4.99 | \$6.85 | \$6.93 | \$8.86 | \$10.80 | \$6.84 | \$7.53 | \$8.79 | \$8.81 | \$10.10 | \$10.20 | \$10.86 | \$11.37 | \$11.37 | \$11.80 | \$13.80 |
| \$290,000 | 2,696 | \$1.61 | \$2.43 | \$3.26 | \$5.32 | \$7.29 | \$7.38 | \$9.43 | \$11.49 | \$7.29 | \$8.00 | \$9.35 | \$9.38 | \$10.76 | \$10.86 | \$11.56 | \$12.10 | \$12.10 | \$12.56 | \$14.69 |
| \$300,000 | 2,805 | \$1.68 | \$2.53 | \$3.39 | \$5.53 | \$7.58 | \$7.67 | \$9.82 | \$11.96 | \$7.58 | \$8.32 | \$9.73 | \$9.76 | \$11.19 | \$11.30 | \$12.03 | \$12.59 | \$12.59 | \$13.07 | \$15.28 |
| \$372,000 | 3,589 | \$2.14 | \$3.24 | \$4.34 | \$7.08 | \$9.70 | \$9.82 | \$12.56 | \$15.30 | \$9.70 | \$10.57 | \$12.45 | \$12.49 | \$14.32 | \$14.46 | \$15.40 | \$16.12 | \$16.12 | \$16.73 | \$19.56 |
| \$375,000 | 3,622 | \$2.16 | \$3.27 | \$4.38 | \$7.14 | \$9.79 | \$9.91 | \$12.68 | \$15.44 | \$9.79 | \$10.66 | \$12.57 | \$12.60 | \$14.45 | \$14.60 | \$15.54 | \$16.26 | \$16.26 | \$16.88 | \$19.74 |
| \$400,000 | 3,895 | \$2.33 | \$3.52 | \$4.71 | \$7.68 | \$10.53 | \$10.66 | \$13.63 | \$16.61 | \$10.53 | \$11.44 | \$13.51 | \$13.55 | \$15.54 | \$15.69 | \$16.71 | \$17.49 | \$17.49 | \$18.15 | \$21.23 |
| \$425,000 | 4,167 | \$2.49 | \$3.76 | \$5.04 | \$8.22 | \$11.27 | \$11.40 | \$14.59 | \$17.77 | \$11.26 | \$12.23 | \$14.46 | \$14.50 | \$16.63 | \$16.79 | \$17.88 | \$18.71 | \$18.71 | \$19.42 | \$22.71 |
| \$450,000 | 4,440 | \$2.65 | \$4.01 | \$5.37 | \$8.76 | \$12.00 | \$12.15 | \$15.54 | \$18.93 | \$12.00 | \$13.01 | \$15.41 | \$15.45 | \$17.71 | \$17.89 | \$19.05 | \$19.93 | \$19.93 | \$20.69 | \$24.20 |
| \$475,000 | 4,712 | \$2.82 | \$4.26 | \$5.69 | \$9.29 | \$12.74 | \$12.89 | \$16.49 | \$20.09 | \$12.74 | \$13.79 | \$16.35 | \$16.40 | \$18.80 | \$18.99 | \$20.21 | \$21.16 | \$21.16 | \$21.96 | \$25.68 |
| \$500,000 | 4,985 | \$2.98 | \$4.50 | \$6.02 | \$9.83 | \$13.48 | \$13.64 | \$17.45 | \$21.25 | \$13.47 | \$14.57 | \$17.30 | \$17.35 | \$19.89 | \$20.09 | \$21.38 | \$22.38 | \$22.38 | \$23.23 | \$27.17 |

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Preliminary Net TCAP | 327,289,352 |
| 2024 Median Value | \$372,000 |
| 2025 Median Value | \$372,000 |
| Percent Change | 0.00% |

Pay Year 2025
 *Date 10/9/2024
 *The preliminary data is subject to change.

WHAT IF TAX COMPARISON PAY 2024 vs Pay 2025

| FISCAL YEAR 2024 | |
|---|---|
| 12,053,343 GROSS TAX CAPACITY (10,416) 10% KV TRANS LINE (-) (588,400) FISCAL DISPARITY (-) | \$ 34,400 FINAL CERTIFIED LEVY \$ (2,443) FISCAL DISPARITY (-) \$ 31,957 TAX LEVY OR SPREAD LEVY |
| 11,454,527 NET TAX CAPACITY | |
| Tax Rate | 0.279% |
| FISCAL YEAR 2025 | |
| 13,167,900 GROSS TAX CAPACITY (10,416) 10% KV TRANS LINE (-) (757,879) FISCAL DISPARITY (-) | \$ 36,050 PROPOSED LEVY OR CERTIFIED LEVY \$ (2,443) FISCAL DISPARITY (-) \$ 33,607 TAX LEVY OR SPREAD LEVY |
| 12,399,605 NET TAX CAPACITY | |
| as of 6/25/2024 Tax Rate | 0.271% |

RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS

| | % Value Range Inc/Dec | # of affected Properties | Average Market Value 2024 | Average Market Value 2025 | Value Exclusion 2024 | Taxable Market Value 2024 | Value Exclusion 2025 | Taxable Market Value 2025 | Taxable % Chg 2024 - 2025 | Pay 2024 | Pay 2025 | Net Inc/Dec 2024 vs 2025 | Net Difference % Change | Median & Average Values | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Net Payable 2024 | Net Payable 2025 | 2024 Median Values | 2025 Median Values | 2025 Average Values | 2025 Value % Change | | |
| Elko New Mrkt City 1630 | +15.01+% | 25 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 456,675 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 5,449 | \$ 451,226 | 14.06% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 12.23 | \$ 1.19 | 10.8% | \$ 401,500 | \$ 396,000 | \$ 393,524 | -1.4% |
| | +10.01-15.00% | 0 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 446,748 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 6,343 | \$ 440,405 | 11.32% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 11.94 | \$ 0.90 | 8.1% | | | | |
| | +5.01-10.00% | 6 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 426,892 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 8,130 | \$ 418,762 | 5.85% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 11.35 | \$ 0.31 | 2.8% | | | | |
| | +0.01-5.00% | 201 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 407,037 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 9,917 | \$ 397,120 | 0.38% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 10.76 | \$ (0.27) | -2.5% | | | | |
| | No Change | 14 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 10,810 | \$ 386,299 | -2.35% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 10.47 | \$ (0.57) | -5.1% | | | | |
| | -0.01-5.00% | 1102 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 387,181 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 11,704 | \$ 375,478 | -5.09% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 10.18 | \$ (0.86) | -7.8% | | | | |
| | -5.01-10% | 282 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 367,326 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 13,491 | \$ 353,835 | -10.56% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 9.59 | \$ (1.45) | -13.1% | | | | |
| | -10.01-15% | 0 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 347,470 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 15,278 | \$ 332,193 | -16.03% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 9.00 | \$ (2.03) | -18.4% | | | | |
| -15.01+ | 0 | \$ 397,109 | \$ 337,543 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 395,609 | \$ 16,171 | \$ 321,371 | -18.77% | \$ 11.04 | \$ 8.71 | \$ (2.33) | -21.1% | | | | | |
| New Market Twp 1167 | +15.01+% | 27 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 717,406 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 717,406 | 15.00% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 20.92 | \$ 2.65 | 14.5% | \$ 598,300 | \$ 615,900 | \$ 644,240 | 2.9% |
| | +10.01-15.00% | 25 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 701,810 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 701,810 | 12.50% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 20.39 | \$ 2.12 | 11.6% | | | | |
| | +5.01-10.00% | 483 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 670,618 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 670,618 | 7.50% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 19.33 | \$ 1.06 | 5.8% | | | | |
| | +0.01-5.00% | 229 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 639,427 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 639,427 | 2.50% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 18.28 | \$ 0.01 | 0.0% | | | | |
| | No Change | 4 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | 0.00% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 17.75 | \$ (0.52) | -2.9% | | | | |
| | -0.01-5.00% | 342 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 608,235 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 608,235 | -2.50% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 17.22 | \$ (1.05) | -5.7% | | | | |
| | -5.01-10% | 50 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 577,044 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 577,044 | -7.50% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 16.16 | \$ (2.11) | -11.5% | | | | |
| | -10.01-15% | 5 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 545,852 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 545,852 | -12.50% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 15.11 | \$ (3.16) | -17.3% | | | | |
| -15.01+ | 2 | \$ 623,831 | \$ 530,256 | \$ - | \$ 623,831 | \$ - | \$ 530,256 | -15.00% | \$ 18.27 | \$ 14.58 | \$ (3.69) | -20.2% | | | | | |
| County Wide | | 47,448 | \$ 437,839 | \$ 456,254 | \$ - | \$ 437,839 | \$ 5,487 | \$ 450,767 | 2.95% | \$ 12.22 | \$ 12.22 | \$ 0.00 | 0.016% | \$ 388,800 | \$ 403,500 | \$ 456,254 | 3.8% |

6b. Approval of 2025 Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Meeting Dates

Meeting Date: 11/20/2024
Item Type: Regular-Action
Contact: Travis Thiel
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Prepared by: Travis Thiel
Reviewed by: N/A N/A



PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

- Approval of 2025 Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission (WPC) meeting dates

SUMMARY

In 2024, the WPC meetings were held quarterly on February 14, May 8, August 14, and November 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Historically, meetings have been held in-person taking place in Conference Room A of the Dakota County Extension and Conservation Center.

Based on recent legal opinion and proposed changes to the joint powers agreement that formed the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization, if the WPC provides review and comment on items that come before them, they are not required to meet in person to comply with Open Meeting Law. However, if the WPC provides recommendations to the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board (JPB), they would be required to meet in person. It is proposed that the 2025 WPC meetings continue the same schedule as 2024. Staff know that the August and November meetings would require in-person attendance as a recommendation would be sought from the WPC regarding the draft and final 2026 budgets, respectively. It is currently uncertain whether any other in-person meetings would occur in 2025.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and because the JPB meets on December 4, 2025, the November meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month.

The 2024 VRWPC proposed meeting schedule is as follows:

- February 12
- May 14
- August 13
- November 19

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT

None

RESOLUTION

6b. Approval of 2025 Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Meeting Dates

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission (VRWPC) is required by its Bylaws to hold regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, regularly scheduled meetings of the VRWPC are required to complete its business in a timely and responsible manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in calendar year 2025, the VRWPC will meet on the second Wednesday of the month (except in November) at 4:30 p.m., according to the following schedule:

- February 12
- May 14
- August 13
- November 19

6c. Update on Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Member Terms and Status

Meeting Date: 11/20/2024
Item Type: Regular-Information
Contact: Travis Thiel
Telephone: 952-891-7546
Prepared by: Travis Thiel
Reviewed by: N/A

N/A



PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

- Information only. Presentation on the current member terms and their status at the end of the calendar year 2024.

SUMMARY

Members of the Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission (WPC) are appointed to serve three-year terms by the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board (JPB). Appointed members of the WPC are eligible to serve two consecutive terms. Members are sometimes appointed to an open incumbent seat on the WPC completing the previous incumbent’s existing term. In such cases fulfilling the previous incumbent term is not counted as a term of the newly appointed member thus retaining their eligibility to serve up to two full three-year terms in addition to completing the previous incumbent term.

There are nine citizen members seats for the WPC, eight from Dakota County and one from Scott County. Currently, requirements to be eligible to serve on the WPC stipulate commission members must be, and remain, residents of the watershed and the County from which they are appointed. Proposed revisions to the joint powers agreement that formed the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) would only require residency in either Dakota or Scott County. WPC members terms are staggered such that three members’ terms expire at the end of any given calendar year. Seats for those whose eligibility is completed become vacant and open for a new appointee. Members who complete their eligibility can return to the WPC by applying to a future open seat but are not allowed to continue in their existing position.

Based on the WPC terms’ that staff are tracking, it appears Sandy Weber will have an interim term that would expire at the end of calendar year 2024. If Sandy Weber wishes to continue to serve, she should make a request to the VRWJPO Administrator to serve her first official term. An update will be provided at the meeting regarding where members are at in their respective terms.

RESOLUTION

6c. Update on Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Member Terms and Status

Information only.

WPC MEMBER TERMS

| | Previous Incumbent Term End | Appointment Date | Interim Term Expiration Date** | 1st Full Term Expiration Date | 2nd Full Term Expiration Date* | Eligibility Ends** |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dakota County (vacant) | 12/31/2024 | | | 12/31/2027 | 12/31/2030 | 12/31/2030 |
| Brad Blackett | 12/31/2022 | 3/23/2023 | 12/31/2025 | 12/31/2028 | 12/31/2031 | 12/31/2031 |
| Andrew Riesgraf | 12/31/2020 | 1/28/2021 | | 12/31/2023 | 12/31/2026 | 12/31/2026 |
| James Kotz | 12/31/2020 | 1/28/2021 | | 12/31/2023 | 12/31/2026 | 12/31/2026 |
| Sandra Weber | 12/31/2021 | 12/1/2022 | 12/31/2024 | 12/31/2027 | 12/31/2030 | 12/31/2030 |
| Scott County (vacant) | 12/31/2021 | | | 12/31/2024 | 12/31/2027 | 12/31/2027 |
| Joshua Borton | 12/31/2016 | 7/27/2017 | 12/31/2019 | 12/31/2022 | 12/31/2025 | 12/31/2025 |
| Kevin Chamberlain | 12/31/2022 | 6/22/2023 | 12/31/2025 | 12/31/2028 | 12/31/2031 | 12/31/2031 |
| Steve Hamrick | 12/31/2017 | 6/25/2020 | 12/31/2020 | 12/31/2023 | 12/31/2026 | 12/31/2026 |

*If a member chooses to continue serving on the VRWPC for a second full term, this would be their term end date.

** When appointed to finish out the term of an existing position on the WPC, the appointee is eligible to finish that term and serve two full three year terms in addition.

Eligibility reflects the full period that could be served by a current incumbent or an appointee to a currently vacant position.

6d. Presentation of Draft Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization Communications Plan for 2025

Meeting Date: 11/20/2024
Item Type: Regular-Information
Contact: Brita Moore-Kutz
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Prepared by: Brita Moore-Kutz
Reviewed by: N/A N/A



PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

- Informational presentation and discussion of the draft Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) Communications Plan for 2025

SUMMARY

In the 2016-2025 Vermillion River Watershed Plan, VRWJPO listed updating its Communications Plan each year as an action step. This document lays out the key audiences, messages, actions, and measurable outcomes for the organization’s Communication and Outreach efforts.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT

None

RESOLUTION

Information only.

Attachment A: Draft 2025 VRWJPO Communications Plan



Vermillion River Watershed Communications, Outreach, and Engagement Plan for 2025

Background: Alongside capital improvement projects that physically improve water resources, it is crucial for watershed organizations to educate their communities about what individuals can do to protect water.

The Vermillion River Watershed is the largest watershed by area in the Twin Cities Metro Area at 335 square miles. While residents are generally aware of and appreciate the Vermillion River, they lack knowledge about the watershed. Consistent communications and outreach efforts in a variety of strategies can help bridge this awareness gap.

Goals:

- Improve the awareness and understanding of the VRWJPO.
- Increase community connection to the Watershed's natural resources.
- Increase community understanding of environmental issues.

Objectives:

- Consistently communicate and promote the work of the VRWJPO with partners and stakeholders.
- Increase the number of Watershed stakeholders.
- Create and support opportunities for stakeholder connection and engagement with the Watershed's natural resources.
- Engage citizens to promote sustainable stewardship of lakes and streams.
- Communicate with stakeholders regarding the environmental issues that directly impact the Watershed.

Messaging points:

- Encourage personal commitments to conservation.
- The VRWJPO does a lot to benefit communities.
- The Vermillion River Watershed is a unique ecosystem for a quickly developing metropolitan area.
- Recognize outstanding stewardship efforts in the watershed.
- Highlight resources available for people looking to improve their everyday stewardship.
- Promote best-management practices.
- Celebrate strong partnerships with cities, counties, SWCDs, townships, state agencies, and NGOs.

Key Audiences

| Who | Specific examples | Relevance to VRWJPO | What they should know | How we will communicate with them |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board, Community Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee | | Elected/appointed people directly informing VRWJPO's work and providing suggestions | Regular updates on activities and results | Staff updates at regular meetings, monthly email updates |
| Watershed residents, business owners, landowners, farmers | Minnesota Farmers Union, SWCD cost-share users, local citizen groups | Our constituents; beneficiaries of water quality improvements in public spaces | How to get involved in their watershed; what impact VRWJPO has on their communities | Email newsletters, social media, availability at community events, attending meetings |
| Recreational enthusiasts, fishers | Trout Unlimited, Rapids Riders, Pheasants Forever | Frequenters of VR tributaries, rely on healthy water resources to enjoy their experiences | | Monthly calls with Twin Cities Trout Unlimited, event planning and support |
| Environmental organizations | Freshwater Society, Friends of the Mississippi River, Lakeville Friends of the Environment, Apple Valley Eco-Advocates | People likely to have opinions and information on what we do; people who host activities that are of interest to us | Clear guidelines of what VRWJPO is and is not able to do; how we can work with them to build a lasting relationship | Inclusion in TAC, serving as guest speakers at their meetings |
| State/federal agencies | MN BWSR, DNR, MDH, MDA, | Oversight | What we are doing to meet standards and grant requirements | Inclusion in TAC and interested party lists; annual reports |
| Local governments in the watershed (Counties, cities, townships, SWCDs) | Mayors, city councilors, county boards, township boards, environmental staff | Partners in carrying out the Watershed Plan and VRWJPO Standards | How they can help spread awareness of the watershed | Project manager correspondence, communications strategy discussions, participation in collaborative groups |

| Who | Specific examples | Relevance to VRWJPO | What they should know | How we will communicate with them |
|---------|--|--|--|---|
| Media | SunThisWeek, Hastings Journal, Scott County Scene, | Providers of information to watershed communities | Event information; Watershed Plan comment periods; project information | Contact with editors, press releases, interviews |
| Schools | Districts 192, 194, 196, 200 | Students of science; occasional visitors to the River for special projects | VRWJPO is available to advise | Outdoor Education Days, Vermillion River Watch, including teachers in email lists |

Actions

| Item | Due Date | Who is responsible? |
|---|---|---|
| Mini communications plans for significant happenings in the watershed – e.g. projects, monitoring results, Plan development | Text | Communications & Outreach Specialist |
| “Brand” awareness campaign | Ongoing | Communications & Outreach Specialist |
| Water Conservation/Landscaping for Clean Water Marketing Campaign | Ongoing | Senior Watershed Specialist, with assistance from Communications & Outreach and Dakota SWCD |
| Quarterly email newsletters | March, June, September, December | Communications & Outreach Specialist |
| Community event displays/display checkout | Monthly events (as possible), checkout upon request | Communications & Outreach Specialist |
| Project Fact Sheets | March 15 | Team |
| Annual activity and financial report & summary | April 30 | Communications & Outreach Specialist with assistance from group |

| Item | Due Date | Who is responsible? |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| Social media post campaigns | Weekly | Communications & Outreach Specialist |
| Project signage | As needed | Project managers |
| Website updates | Weekly | Communications & Outreach Specialist |
| Project videos | At completion of projects | Team and partners who have video capability |
| Vermillion River Watch | | Dakota SWCD |
| Workshops: Landscaping for Clean Water, Smart Salting, Turfgrass Maintenance, Lawns Reimagined | | |

Measurable Outcomes

- Table visitors at community events
- Landscaping for Clean Water participants from VRWJPO
- Click-thru rate on marketing campaign
- Email newsletter open rate
- Website visitors
- Social media post reactions, comments, shares
- Social media follower counts

Budget

| Item | Amount budgeted for 2025 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Staff time | \$90,000 |
| Dakota SWCD Outreach and Education | \$40,000 |
| Scott SWCD Outreach and Education | \$2,500 |

| Item | Amount budgeted for 2025 |
|---|--------------------------|
| Materials and supplies: Legal notice, publications, printing, subscriptions | \$20,000 |
| Local standards/ordinance and turf/salt workshops | \$3,500 |
| MDH Grant: Water Conservation and Landscaping for Clean Water Marketing | \$22,500 |

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