

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The meeting of the Two Rivers Plus Joint Powers Board was held at the Kittson County Courthouse and virtually.

The meeting was called to order by JPB Chair, Landon Olson at 9:04 a.m.

**Joint Powers Board Members present:** Primary: Landon Olson (RSWCD) and Andrew Muir (KSWCD); Alternate: Theresia Gillie (KCounty)

**Others present:** Jeremy Benson, Jamie Osowski, Janine Lovold, Matt Fischer (BWSR),

**Via Teams:** Daryl Wicklund Primary: (RCounty)

**Agenda**

The agenda was approved on motion by Gillie, Seconded by Muir, and carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

The August 18th, 2022, Minutes were reviewed.

The Minutes were approved on a motion by Muir, seconded by Gillie, and carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Janine Lovold presented the Treasurer's Report. Stated that most expenditures were for Non-Structural Land Management payments.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Muir, seconded by Gillie, and carried unanimously.

**Workman Comp Removal from Insurave**

Janine stated state the JPB will need a resolution to remove the workman comp from the insurance beings we don't staff anyone there is no need for it. Resolution will be ready at the February Board meeting.

**Landscape Stewardship Plan**

Janine Lovold presented the completed draft of the LSP to the board. Stated that it has been submitted to the DNR for their approval. The LSP will be a tool for targeting implementation efforts when it comes to Cost Sharing on the Forest Management Plan Program. Recommended we approve the LSP as submitted to the DNR as to alleviate any concerns during the state approval process.

The Landscape Stewardship Plan was approved on a motion from Wicklund, seconded by Muir, and carried unanimously.

**Kittson SWCD Cooperative Agreement Amendment**

Jeremy Benson presented an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the Kittson SWCD and the Two Rivers Plus JPB. This amendment is to allocate some of the funding to the Kittson SWCD for the implementation of the Forest Management Plan Cost Share Program. The previous agreement did not have any funds allocated to Kittson SWCD as there was no interest in the program. Since then the LSP has been developed and word about the program has spread with people starting to ask questions and show interest in signing up for the program. Discussion was had as to how much funding Roseau SWCD had allocated and if they would be willing to split their allocation 50/50 with Kittson SWCD to administer the program for Kittson County residents.

The amendment to the Kittson SWCD Cooperative Agreement was approved on a motion from Muir seconded by Gillie and carried unanimously.

### **Non-Structural Land Management Program Update**

Jeremy Benson gave an update report on implementation efforts for the Non-Structural Land Management Program. Stated that there has been a lot of interest this fall for fall seeded cover crops, most were utilized for grazing aspects. Updated the board on the Kittson SWCD allocation has been depleted and is asking that the Two Rivers Plus JPB approve the transfer of allocated funds from Roseau SWCD to the Kittson SWCD pot of funding. Discussion was had on the interest in the program from Roseau SWCD. Janine stated that there hasn't been much interest maybe 1 or 2 people stopping in asking about it. The Roseau SWCD board had this same discussion before today and made a motion to approval the request to transfer allocation.

The transfer funding allocation request from the Roseau SWCD to the Kittson SWCD for the continuance of implementing the Non-Structural Land Management Program with the stipulation that \$16,800 remains with the Roseau SWCD for the potential interested landowner was approved on a motion from Muir and seconded Gillie and carried unanimously.

### **Two Rivers Plus JPB Project Request Updates**

Jeremy Benson shared that there are 4 projects on-going for streambank stabilizations and gully erosion sites. Working with landowners and TSA engineering staff to get a design and cost estimate put together before assigning contract numbers to the projects.

### **Next Steps**

Jeremy Benson stated that we should be looking at developing a project list as the JPB will potentially be eligible for another round of funding becoming available July 1, 2023. Stated that he will be meeting with Kittson County Engineer Andrea Weleski on some county ditch projects that may be submitted for that round of funding. Mentioned that each LGU does the same so that we may begin putting together a list of request for that workplan.

Jeremy Benson informed the JPB that the Kittson SWCD will be putting together a Local Work Group Meeting sometime in the near future possibly spring of 2023 and stated that this might be a great opportunity to do a joint meeting with the advisory committees as many of the same agencies participate in both meetings.

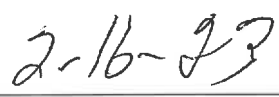
### **Next Board Meeting**

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 am by a motion from Muir, seconded by Wicklund, and carried unanimously.

  
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Secretary

  
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