
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2023

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 9:00 a.m.

Joint Powers Board Members present: Primary: Daryl Wicklund (RCounty), Andrew Muir (KSWCD), Landon Olson (RSWCD) Secondary: Samuel Anderson (KSWCD),

Others present: Jeremy Benson (KSWCD), Sky Olsonawski (KSWCD), Kevin Olsonawski (KSWCD) Janine Lovold (RSWCD), Bonnie Hasbrouck (NRCS), Ericka Halstensgard (RCounty), Aimee Sugden (City of Hallock), Andrea Weleski (KCounty)

Via Teams: Shonda Jelle (RSWCD), Jamie Osowski (KSWCD), Henry VanOffelen (BWSR), Trent Berg (Houston), Ted Rud (Houston), Tony Norby (Houston)

Agenda

Jeremy Benson presented the agenda. No additional items were added to the agenda.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Muir, seconded by Wicklund, and carried unanimously.

Minutes

August 17, 2023, Minutes were reviewed.

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

Treasurer's Report

Janine Lovold presented the Treasurer's Report.

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

Hallock City Dam Discussion:

Aimee Sugden and various members from Houston Engineering presented the Hallock City Dam Project to those in attendance to the meeting. They discussed the prior project done and how it is failing to keep up with seasonal flooding. They are proposing a project to remedy these problems and protect it from future flooding problems. They presented it to the Joint Powers Board because they are looking for assistance in funding this project. They are asking the JPB to apply for a supplemental grant through BWSR to assist with paying for the project. Discussion was had amongst the group, and it was decided to request more information and hold a special meeting to make a decision on December 21, 2023.

FY22 Workplan Revisions:

Jeremy Benson proposed to move \$17,473.64 from the structural ag practices category into the streambank stabilization category. This movement of funds will allow for two projects that are ready to be implemented to be funded. The proposed movement of funds was approved, and a motion was made by Muir and seconded by Wicklund and carried unanimously.

KWBF22-43 Stabilization Project:

Jeremy Benson presented the KWBF22-43 stabilization project and reported that the project is completed, and they have received the invoice from the contractor. There was an issue brought to his attention that an incorrect granular filter material was installed, and the engineers are worried that the spring flood waters will wash that material away. Discussion was had on how to ensure that the contractor comes back in the spring to fix this mistake. It was decided that the JPB retains 5% of the total bill to ensure the contractor comes back to fix said mistake. The granular filter cost on the invoice was also changed to reflect the material used and not the material planned for. This decision was approved on a motion by Muir and seconded by Wicklund and carried unanimously.

Program Updates

Jeremy Benson gave a report on program updates and stated that there are five streambank stabilization projects that need to complete by the end of 2024 otherwise a grant extension will need to be applied for. There is also a change that was made to contract KWBF22-20 to change said contract from a 3 year multiple species cover crop to a 3 year single species cover crop. This changed total payment from \$20,800 to \$14,800 for said contract.

FY24 WBIF Grant Agreement and JPB Cooperative Agreement:

Jeremy Benson presented the FY24 Grant Agreement to those in attendance. Discussion was had and it was agreed upon to enter said agreement. This decision was approved on a motion by Wicklund and seconded by Muir and carried unanimously. He also presented the JPB cooperative agreement and the decision to enter this agreement was approved on a motion by Wicklund and seconded by Muir, and carried unanimously.

FY24 WBIF Policy Revision:

Jeremy Benson presented the FY24 policy and brought forward a discussion on any changes that might need to be made. He recommended changing the cost share rate for the Forest Stewardship Plans from \$7/acre to \$9/acre. This change reflects the increase that the DNR forestry made for their plan writing services. This was the only change he recommended at the time. Discussion was had and the decision was made to adjust the rate accordingly. This decision was approved on a motion by Muir and seconded by Wicklund and carried unanimously.


Next Meeting Scheduled

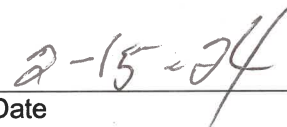
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 15, 2024 at 9:00AM at the Kittson County Courthouse.

There will be a special meeting to further discuss the Hallock City Dam Project on December 21, 2023 at 9 am at the Kittson County Courthouse and via teams.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28am made by Olson, seconded by Muir, and carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned.


Secretary


Date