

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

**MN Board of Water and Soil Resources
Small Conference Room
607 Main Street, Suite 103
Marshall, MN 56258**

December 9, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Winter, Chair; Jeff Berg, Steve Robertson, Scott Roemhildt, Heather Johnson, Kelly Kirkpatrick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Eunice Biel

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Lenz, Southern Regional Manager; John Shea, Mark Hiles, Julie Westerlund, Denise Lauerman

OTHERS PRESENT: Kerry Netzke, Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA); Rachel Olm, Houston Engineering, Inc.; Melanie Krueger, Brown SWCD; Kay Gross, Cottonwood County; Allison Kletscher, Brown County; Nick Brozek; Sarah Soderholm, Murray County

Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Chair Winter requested Committee members and attendees to introduce themselves.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Moved by Jeff Berg, seconded by Heather Johnson, to adopt the agenda as presented. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

Eunice Biel	
Jeff Berg	Approved
Heather Johnson	Approved
Kelly Kirkpatrick	
Scott Roemhildt	Approved
Steve Robertson	Approved
Ted Winter	Approved

MINUTES OF February 27, 2024, COMMITTEE MEETING – Moved by Scott Roemhildt, seconded by Jeff Berg to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024, meeting as presented. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

Eunice Biel	
Jeff Berg	Approved
Heather Johnson	Approved
Kelly Kirkpatrick	
Scott Roemhildt	Approved
Steve Robertson	Approved
Ted Winter	Approved

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM – No members of the public provided comments to the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM:

Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) – BWSR Board Conservationist (BC) John Shea provided background on the planning group and process of the Cottonwood-Middle Plan. On behalf of the Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed (CMMW) watershed planning group, Kerry Netzke, RCRCA, provided a presentation on the Plan, including planning area, partners, process, and a Plan overview. Rachel Olm of Houston Engineering, Inc. answered questions related to 1W1P and the WRAPS Goals. Kerry Netzke, RCRCA, answered questions related to the progress that has been made in the Redwood and Cottonwood areas, monitoring of the plan, the involvement of the Lower Sioux Community, Solar Farm land use, and the future steps related to implementation based on the plan. BC John Shea summarized the Board Order and comments received from review agencies.

Moved by Kelly Kirkpatrick, seconded by Scott Roemhildt to recommend approval of the Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to the full BWSR Board. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

Eunice Biel	
Jeff Berg	Approved
Heather Johnson	Approved
Kelly Kirkpatrick	Approved
Scott Roemhildt	Approved
Steve Robertson	Approved
Ted Winter	Approved

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Southern Region Manager Ed Lenz provided information regarding upcoming Committee meetings. He stated the date is dependent on the progress of the next plan, the Redwood Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, and acknowledged the next meeting would likely be in one year.

Moved by Kelly Kirkpatrick, seconded by Jeff Berg to adjourn meeting. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

Eunice Biel	
Jeff Berg	Approved
Heather Johnson	Approved
Kelly Kirkpatrick	Approved
Scott Roemhildt	Approved
Steve Robertson	Approved
Ted Winter	Approved

Chair Ted Winter adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Winter
Chair