



Agenda

Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission

May 8, 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 February 14, 2024, Meeting Action
6. Business Items
 - a) Recommendation for Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Membership Requirements Action
 - b) VRWJPO Amended 2024 Budget Information
 - c) Watershed Management Plan Update: Issue Statements and Goals Information
 - d) Presentation and Discussion of Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2024 Budget-Identified Capital Improvement Project Updates Information
7. Updates
 - a) Chairperson's Report
 - b) Staff Updates
8. Adjourn Action

Please note, the May 8, 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: **August 14, 2024**, at 4:30 p.m.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Travis Thiel at travis.thiel@co.dakota.mn.us by 12 p.m. on the day before. You will be notified if the meeting is cancelled due to an anticipated lack of quorum.



Minutes

Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission (WPC) Meeting

February 14, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

In-person and Microsoft Teams Videoconference

WPC Members in Attendance

Jim Kotz Brad Blackett
Josh Borton Andy Riesgraf
Steve Hamrick Kevin Chamberlain

VRWJPO Staff in Attendance

Travis Thiel, Watershed Administrator
Brita Moore-Kutz, Communications & Outreach Specialist

Others in Attendance

Anne Sawyer, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources
Curt Coudron, Dakota County SWCD
Nikki Stewart, Dakota County, Environmental Resources Department Director (virtual)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Kotz at 4:31 p.m.

2. Election of Watershed Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Travis Thiel called for nominations for the Chair. Josh Borton nominated James Kotz for Chair. There were no other nominations. James Kotz was elected Chair by acclamation. Travis Thiel called for nominations for Vice-chair. Steve Hamrick nominated Josh Borton for Vice-chair. There were no other nominations. Josh Borton was elected Vice-chair by acclamation.

3. Roll Call

All members were in attendance except Sandra Weber and Linda Larson

4. Audience Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

5. Approval of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain.
Motion carried on an 6-0 vote.*

6. Approval of Minutes from the November 15, 2023 Meeting

*Motion by Commissioner Chamberlain to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Borton.
Motion carried on an 6-0 vote.*

7. Business Items

a. Approval of Revised 2024 Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Meeting Dates

Travis Thiel presented a revised Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission (WPC) meeting schedule based on discussion that occurred at the November 15, 2023 meeting. The revised meeting schedule is proposed as follows:

- February 14
- May 8
- August 14
- November 20

*Motion by Commissioner Chamberlain to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Blackett.
Motion carried on an 6-0 vote.*

b. Review and Discuss Results from the Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission's 2026-2035 Watershed Plan Stakeholder Issues Prioritization Survey

Travis Thiel presented the topic of the survey that was sent out to the WPC. The survey's purpose was to identify stakeholder-identified issues and whether the issue was essential for the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) to do, good for the VRWJPO to do, or not the VRWJPO's work. And for those that are essential or good for the VRWJPO to do, which are a high, medium, or low priority. Of those surveys received to date, results from the survey were presented to the WPC, and Travis mentioned this survey was conducted with the Technical Advisory Group to better filter which issues or priorities are the most critical for staff to incorporate into the 2026-2035 Watershed Management Plan.

Commissioner Borton indicated the survey wasn't mobile device friendly should staff wish to perform future surveys. Staff will look into this before any future surveys are sent out.

c. Presentation of Draft Vermillion River Watershed Brand Awareness Plan

Brita Moore-Kutz presented the outline of methods identified in the Brand Awareness Plan. WPC members discussed some of the methods. Commissioner Kotz asked why the State didn't have more of a role in highlighting the work of watershed organizations and their role as a local government unit. Commissioner Kotz also mentioned that incorporating information into City newsletters would be another good opportunity for information incorporation. Lastly, Commissioner Kotz asked whether staff could provide presentations to city councils that provide background on the watershed. Commissioner

Blackett asked whether the WPC could assist with this effort as they are residents of local communities. Travis Thiel mentioned there was no issue with WPC members assisting with that effort provided they represent the VRWJPO's interests rather than their own personal interest as they may differ. Travis Thiel indicated staff often get the question from stakeholders about who the VRWJPO is or what the organization does, so staff have created a one-page document to help answer those questions for stakeholders.

Commissioner Riesgraf asked whether staff could provide a tour to various city councils to highlight projects. Travis Thiel indicated the tours staff organize are for that purpose, but we rarely get participation by local city council members even with a concerted efforts to invite them. Brita Moore-Kutz indicated other organizations have also tried this and their successes usually come from developing content tailored specific to the target audience rather than broader watershed-wide efforts. Commissioner Chamberlain asked whether a static display could be placed at different locations to provide VRWJPO information, and Brita indicated it could. Commissioner Blackett indicated there could be opportunities to promote the VRWJPO with faith-based organizations.

d. Presentation and Discussion of Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2024 Budget-Identified Capital Improvement Projects

Travis Thiel provided a PowerPoint presentation on the various projects that will be constructed, installed, or implemented in 2024. Commissioner Riesgraf asked whether there was any monitoring planned for the Foxborough Park project or others to evaluate how effective these types of projects are. Travis indicated he's done some of this at previously installed projects but didn't have anything formalized with planned 2024 projects and would task the new Senior Watershed Specialist with this task.

Commissioner Riesgraf asked whether fencing is planned around the East Lake Fish Barrier project considering the electricity in the water. Commissioner Borton asked whether any monitoring will be done at this project to evaluate whether the barrier is effective at deterring fish movement. Staff indicated some testing of the electrical field in the water is required but would look further into evaluating its effectiveness at deterring movement. Commissioner Blackett asked if there's any concern about vandalism. Staff indicated that all reasonable means of preventing vandalism are performed, but if someone wants to vandalize something they will figure out a way to do it.

Some general discussion occurred about the proposed recirculation system at the Avonlea Park splash pad and the stormwater reuse system. Commissioner Blackett mentioned some potential challenges with launching a barge for the alum application in Alimagnet Lake. Staff are evaluating that and will incorporate necessary information into bid documents to that contractors are aware of these challenges.

Commissioner Riesgraf asked why the bulk of the projects are occurring in Lakeville. Travis indicated some of this is the result of the prioritization in the Watershed Plan that provides more funding for higher priority subwatersheds. Those subwatersheds identified as headwaters subwatersheds were considered a higher priority and were allocated more funding in the plan. Lakeville just happens to be

within three of these headwaters subwatersheds. Lakeville also provides staff and funding resources for projects that create more opportunities for improvements compared to other communities that don't have the same resources available. Commissioner Riesgraf argued that some of the downstream degradation may be the result of upstream impacts, so we should also consider assisting as we can with downstream areas. Travis indicated we're willing to participate with projects elsewhere if the communities would bring project ideas to staff for discussion. Commissioner Chamberlain mentioned that the Soil and Water Conservation District are also a conduit to assisting with projects further downstream and in the rural communities.

7. Updates

a. Chairperson's Report

Chair Kotz emphasized that WPC members should be engaging with local elected official regarding the VRWJPO's work.

b. Staff Updates

Travis Thiel

Travis shared he has hired someone to backfill the Senior Watershed Specialist position and she will be starting soon. Travis also shared that staff have wrapped up phase 1 (issue identification) of the Watershed Plan development process. Lastly, Travis emphasized the desire to have WPC members at the Strategic Planning Session with the Joint Powers Board on March 21st.

Brita Moore-Kutz

Brita shared she will be at upcoming events in Rosemount that tie into the Brand Awareness Plan

Anne Sawyer (BWSR)

Anne appreciates hearing about the process and how staff have reached out to the various stakeholders used for the Watershed Plan Development process.

Curt Coudron (Dakota SWCD)

SWCD updated their cost share policy for 2024 that affects the VRWJPO since some VRWJPO funds are funneled through the SWCD for projects. There's a pilot program called Lawns Reimagined that SWCD will be rolling out in 2024 that will work to convert residential traditional turf lawns into low-input turf lawns using fescues. Landscaping for Clean Water workshops are schedules starting in February and design workshops will occur later in 2024. Some discussion occurred regarding the Lawns Reimagined program.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Borton, second by Commissioner Riesgraf. Motion carried on an 6-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

6a. Recommendation for Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission Membership Requirements and Term Limits

Meeting Date: 5/8/2024
Item Type: Regular-Action
Contact: Travis Thiel
Telephone: 952-891-7546
Prepared by: Travis Thiel
Reviewed by: N/A

N/A



PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

- Provide a recommendation to the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board (VRWJPB) for Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission (WPC) membership requirements and term limits.

SUMMARY

At the March 21, 2024, VRWJPB meeting, the VRWJPB and staff discussed revisions to the Joint Powers Agreement that formed the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO). One of the items discussed was WPC membership as it's been difficult to find WPC members to fill each seat with the existing requirements. The Joint Powers Agreement currently requires WPC members be residents of the VRWJPO that serve up to two consecutive three-year terms. Previous discussions have occurred with the WPC regarding this topic, but nothing was formalized by the VRWJPB on the direction they'd like to proceed. Those WPC discussions included, but were not limited to, the following possible WPC membership requirements and term limits:

Membership requirements

- WPC members must own land in the VRWJPO but do not need to be residents of the VRWJPO
- Allow for other members to be considered regardless of whether they are residents or own land in the VRWJPO, mirroring the options listed in [Minnesota Statute 103D.331](#). Those could include:
 - Representatives from the soil and waters conservation districts
 - Representatives from each county
 - Members of sporting organizations
 - Members of farm organizations
 - Others as the discretion of the Board

Term limits

- Keep the term limits as is
- Eliminate term limits and retain three-year terms with a requirement to provide notice for new applicants for Board consideration of appointment of an incumbent member or new applicant.

The VRWJPB would like a formal recommendation from the WPC regarding modifying the WPC membership requirements and terms limits as listed, but not limited to, the above criteria.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT

None

2024 VRWJPO Budget (Revised 4-11-24)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Budget Items</u>	<u>2024 Revised Budget Amount</u>	<u>Budget % of Total</u>	<u>2024 Final Budget Amount</u>	<u>Budget % of Total</u>
EXPENSES					
Administration and Operations 601-5010001-00000000	1 Dakota County VRW Staff	\$170,500	4.5%	\$170,500	4.5%
	2 Scott County VRW Staff	\$15,000	0.4%	\$15,000	0.4%
	3 Other Dakota County Staff Time	\$12,000	0.3%	\$12,000	0.3%
	4 Legal Support	\$25,000	0.7%	\$25,000	0.7%
	5 Miscellaneous Expenses (per diems, mileage, postage, etc.)	\$6,000	0.2%	\$6,000	0.2%
	6 Training, Conferences, and Certifications	\$2,000	0.1%	\$2,000	0.1%
Subtotal Administrative		\$230,500	6.1%	\$230,500	6.1%
Research and Planning 601-5010001-50100130	1 Dakota SWCD Incentive Program Policy Assistance	\$1,000	0.0%	\$1,000	0.0%
	2 Scott County Staff	\$7,000	0.2%	\$7,000	0.2%
	3 VRW Staff	\$30,000	0.8%	\$30,000	0.8%
	4 Dakota County Staff	\$20,000	0.5%	\$20,000	0.5%
	5 Consulting	\$20,000	0.5%	\$20,000	0.5%
Subtotal Research and Planning		\$78,000	2.1%	\$78,000	2.1%
Monitoring and Assessment 601-5010001-50100230	1 Vermillion River Monitoring Network in Dakota Co.				
	1a Staff Time for Sample Collection, Equipment Installation, Maintenance	\$30,000	0.8%	\$30,000	0.8%
	1b Data analysis, database management, data reporting, FLUX modeling	\$15,000	0.4%	\$15,000	0.4%
	1c Water Quality Sample Analysis and QA/QC samples	\$19,000	0.5%	\$19,000	0.5%
	1d Equipment and Supplies	\$8,000	0.2%	\$8,000	0.2%
	1e Biological and Habitat Assessments	\$7,000	0.2%	\$7,000	0.2%
	2 Vermillion River Monitoring Network in Scott Co	\$10,150	0.3%	\$10,150	0.3%
	3 USGS Cost Share for Blaine Ave. Station	\$8,900	0.2%	\$8,900	0.2%
4 DNR Flow Gaging Assistance	\$9,700	0.3%	\$9,700	0.3%	

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	5b Electrofishing	\$25,000	0.7%	\$25,000	0.7%
	6 Monitoring Programs Review and Evaluation	\$15,000	0.4%	\$15,000	0.4%
	7 General GIS support (Dakota SWCD)	\$5,000	0.1%	\$5,000	0.1%
	8 Nitrate Treatment Practice Sampling	\$1,000	0.0%	\$1,000	0.0%
	9 Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Performance Sampling	\$2,000	0.1%	\$2,000	0.1%
Subtotal Monitoring and Data Analysis		\$155,750	4.1%	\$155,750	4.1%
Public Communications and Outreach 601-5010001-50100330	1 Communication and Outreach Staff	\$100,000	2.7%	\$100,000	2.7%
	2 Vermillion River Watch Program (Dakota SWSCD)	\$5,000	0.1%	\$5,000	0.1%
	4 Scott County Outreach Efforts	\$2,080	0.1%	\$2,080	0.1%
	5 Vermillion River Watershed Projects Signage and Map Updates	\$10,000	0.3%	\$10,000	0.3%
	6 Newsletter, Mailings, Website, General Communication Materials	\$10,000	0.3%	\$10,000	0.3%
	7 Landscaping for Clean Water Workshop Program (Dakota SWCD)	\$30,400	0.8%	\$30,400	0.8%
	8 Low Input Turf Workshops (Dakota SWCD)	\$7,600	0.2%	\$7,600	0.2%
	9 K-12 Classroom Presentations (Dakota SWCD)	\$3,000	0.1%	\$3,000	0.1%
	10 Watershed Tours	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
	11 Local Standards/ Ordinance and Turf/ Salt Workshops	\$3,500	0.1%	\$3,500	0.1%
	12 Water Conservation/LCW Digital Marketing (grant match)	\$10,000	0.3%	\$7,500	0.2%
Subtotal Public Outreach and Communication		\$171,580	4.6%	\$179,080	4.8%
2024 CWF Competetive Grant (MDH) Water Conservation and LCW Marketing 601-5010001-50100XXX	1 Water Conservation and LCW Marketing	\$62,500	1.7%		
Subtotal CWF Water Conservation and LCW Marketing		\$62,500	1.7%		
Regulation	1 Scott SWCD Assistance with Plan Review	\$930	0.0%	\$930	0.0%

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601-5010001-50100530	2 Engineering Assistance and Review	\$35,000	0.9%	\$35,000	0.9%
	3 VRW Staff Local Program Assistance	\$20,000	0.5%	\$20,000	0.5%
Subtotal Regulation		\$55,930	1.5%	\$55,930	1.5%
Coordination and Collaboration 601-5010001-50100531	1 Coordination VRW Staff	\$40,000	1.1%	\$40,000	1.1%
	2 Wetland Health Evaluation Program Cost Share	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
	3 Children's Water Festival Support	\$600	0.0%	\$600	0.0%
	4 Watershed Partners	\$5,000	0.1%	\$5,000	0.1%
	5 Master Water Stewards	\$5,000	0.1%	\$5,000	0.1%
Subtotal Coordination and Collaboration		\$50,600	1.3%	\$50,600	1.3%
Land and Water Treatment					
Capital Improvement Projects 601-5020001-50200130	1 Cost Share Programs in Dakota County (SWCD)	\$80,000	2.1%	\$80,000	2.1%
	2 Cost Share Programs in Scott County (SWCD)	\$25,000	0.7%	\$25,000	0.7%
	3 Cost-share	\$154,500	4.1%	\$575,000	15.3%
	4 WBIF match	\$30,000	0.8%	\$30,000	0.8%
Subtotal Capital Improvement Projects		\$289,500	7.7%	\$710,000	18.9%
Maintenance 601-5020001-50200130	1 Past projects maintenance/ repair	\$70,000	1.9%	\$70,000	1.9%
	2 CIP construction oversight, maintenance/ repair staff costs	\$35,000	0.9%	\$35,000	0.9%
Subtotal Maintenance		\$105,000	2.8%	\$105,000	2.8%
Irrigation Audit and Cost Share Program 601-5010001-50100431	1 Irrigation Audits	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
	2 Irrigation Cost-Share	\$5,000	0.1%	\$5,000	0.1%
Subtotal Irrigation Audit and Cost Share		\$5,000	0.1%	\$5,000	0.1%

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Feasibility/Preliminary Studies	1 Preliminary Design, Technical Assistance and Marketing for Capital Improvements (Dakota SWCD)	\$40,000	1.1%	\$40,000	1.1%
	2 Preliminary Design, Technical Assistance and Marketing for Capital Improvements	\$300,000	8.0%	\$300,000	8.0%
601-5010001-50100631					
Subtotal Feasibility/Preliminary Studies		\$340,000	9.0%	\$340,000	9.0%
Lakeville Capital Projects 24-02 and 24-20 Cost Share	1 Lakeville Capital Projects Cost Share	\$370,000	9.8%		
601-5010001-XXXXXXXX					
Subtotal Lakeville 205th & Hollins HDS		\$370,000	9.8%		
Rosemount Campus Infiltration Basins	1 Rosemount Campus Infiltration Basins Cost Share	\$25,000	0.7%		
601-5010001-XXXXXXXX					
Subtotal Rosemount Campus Infiltration Basins		\$25,000	0.7%		
2022 CWF Competitive Grant (BWSR) Foxborough TSS	1 Foxborough Park TSS Project	\$25,000	0.7%	\$25,000	0.7%
601-5010001-50100859	2 VRWJPO cash match	\$1,500	0.0%	\$1,500	0.0%
Subtotal CWF Competitive Grant Foxborough Park TSS Project		\$26,500	0.7%	\$26,500	0.7%
2022 CWF Competitive Grant (BWSR) Ravenna Trail	1 Ravenna Trail Ravine Stabilization	\$25,000	0.7%	\$25,000	0.7%
601-5010001-50100860	2 VRWJPO cash match	\$2,500	0.1%	\$2,500	0.1%
Subtotal CWF Competitive Grant Ravenna Trail Ravine Stabilization		\$27,500	0.7%	\$27,500	0.7%
2022-2025 WBIF Grant (BWSR) Middle Creek Stream Restoration	1 Middle Creek at Dodd Rd Stream Restoration	\$20,000	0.5%	\$20,000	0.5%

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601-5010001-50100861	2 VRWJPO in-kind	\$1,000	0.0%	\$1,000	0.0%
Subtotal WBIF Grant Middle Creek at Dodd		\$21,000	0.6%	\$21,000	0.6%
2022-2025 CPL Grant (DNR) East Lake Habitat					
	1 East Lake Habitat Improvement	\$0	0.0%	\$3,200	0.1%
601-5010001-50100858	2 VRWJPO in-kind match	\$0	0.0%	\$3,000	0.1%
Subtotal CWF East Lake Rough Fish Barrier		\$0	0.0%	\$6,200	0.2%
2023 CWF Competitive Grant (BWSR) East Lake Fish Barrier					
	1 East Lake Fish Barrier and Rough Fish Removal	\$90,000	2.4%	\$90,000	2.4%
601-5010001-50100863	2 VRWJPO cash match	\$37,500	1.0%	\$37,500	1.0%
Subtotal CWF East Lake Rough Fish Barrier		\$127,500	3.4%	\$127,500	3.4%
2024 CWF Competitive Grant (BWSR) Alimagnet Alum Treatment					
	1 Alimagnet Lake Alum Treatment	\$175,000	4.7%		
601-5010001-50100862	2 VRWJPO cash match	\$22,500	0.6%		
	3 VRWJPO in-kind	\$3,000	0.1%		
Subtotal WBIF Alimagnet Alum Treatment		\$200,500	5.3%		
Weland Bank	1 Wetland Bank Restoration Funds Reserve	\$406,800	10.8%	\$189,800	5.1%
601-5010001-50100930					
Subtotal Wetland Bank Restoration Funds		\$406,800	10.8%	\$189,800	5.1%
Subtotal of Expenditures		\$2,749,160	73.2%	\$2,308,360	61.4%
Cash Reserve		\$1,008,013	26.8%	\$406,190	10.8%
TOTAL Annual Expenses		\$3,757,173	100.0%	\$2,714,550	72.2%

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REVENUE					
	Wetland Bank	\$406,800	10.8%	\$189,800	5.1%
	CIP Reserve	\$664,623	17.7%	\$350,000	9.3%
	CIP Reserve Grant Match	\$21,500	0.6%	\$21,500	0.6%
	Fund Balance from Underspending in Previous Year	\$672,000	17.9%	\$365,000	9.7%
	CWF Grant (BWSR) Competitive 2022	\$420,750	11.2%	\$420,750	11.2%
	CWF Grant (BWSR) Competitive 2023	\$150,000	4.0%	\$150,000	4.0%
	CWF Grant WBIF (BWSR) 2022-2025	\$198,000	5.3%	\$198,000	5.3%
	CPL Grant (DNR) 2022-2025	\$0	0.0%	\$4,500	0.1%
	CWF Grant (BWSR) Competitive 2024	\$143,500	3.8%		
	CWF Grant (MDH) Competetive 2024	\$50,000	1.3%		
	Partner Match for MDH CWF Grant	\$15,000	0.4%		
	Fees for Permitting Activities	\$1,000	0.0%	\$1,000	0.0%
	Dakota County Levy	\$965,600	25.7%	\$965,600	25.7%
	Scott County Levy	\$34,400	0.9%	\$34,400	0.9%
	Investment Earnings	\$14,000	0.4%	\$14,000	0.4%
	TOTAL Annual Revenue	\$3,757,173	100.0%	\$2,714,550	72.2%



REVISED
3:00 pm, Mar 12, 2024

**2023 Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization
Treasurer's Report
December 2023**

	<u>Budget Amounts</u>	<u>Expenses to Date</u>	<u>Expenses Pending</u>	<u>Account Balance</u>
A. Administration & Operations (601-5010001-0000000)	\$ 240,500.00	\$ 136,690.08	\$ 6,835.74	\$ 96,974.18
B. Research & Planning (601-5010001-50100130)	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 40,195.08	\$ 7,798.97	\$ (6,394.05)
C. Monitoring & Assessment (601-5010001-50100230)	\$ 156,900.00	\$ 97,404.47	\$ 31,861.98	\$ 27,633.55
D. Public Communications & Outreach (601-5010001-50100330)	\$ 167,900.00	\$ 158,504.90	\$ 8,141.85	\$ 1,253.25
E. Irrigation and Irrigation Audit (601-5010001-50100431)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,397.00	\$ -	\$ 10,603.00
F. Regulation (601-5010001-50100530)	\$ 55,900.00	\$ 14,874.65	\$ 3,341.11	\$ 37,684.24
G. Coordination & Collaboration (601-5010001-50100531)	\$ 50,600.00	\$ 14,692.73	\$ 5,661.97	\$ 30,245.30
H. Feasibility/Preliminary Studies (601-5010001-50100631)	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 99,882.24	\$ 10,407.76	\$ 109,710.00
I. Capital Improvement Projects (601-5020001-50200130)	\$ 480,920.00	\$ 117,136.83	\$ 49,160.11	\$ 314,623.06
J. CWF BWSR- Watershed Grant (601-5010001-50100848)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,783.67	\$ 934.67	\$ 2,281.66
K. WBIF Grant (BWSR) 2020-2023 North Creek (601-5010001-50100853)	\$ 387,500.00	\$ 314,441.77	\$ 1,614.58	\$ 71,443.65
L. WBIF Grant (BWSR) 2020-2023 Farmington Direct (601-5010001-50100854)	\$ 30,030.00	\$ 28,740.00	\$ -	\$ 1,290.00
M. WBIF Grant (BWSR) 2020-2023 Hastings Direct (601-5010001-50100855)	\$ 30,030.00	\$ 29,380.18	\$ -	\$ 649.82
N. WBIF Grant (BWSR) 2020-2023 Ravenna Basins (601-5010001-50100856)	\$ -	\$ 3,511.13	\$ -	\$ (3,511.13)
O. Lakeville East Lake Restoration (601-5010001-50100858)	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 40,856.16	\$ 51,878.69	\$ 265.15
P. CWF Comp Grant (BWSR) Foxborough TSS (601-5010001-50100859)	\$ 376,500.00	\$ 1,993.57	\$ 355,600.50	\$ 18,905.93
Q. CWF Comp Grant (BWSR) Ravenna Trail (601-5010001-50100860)	\$ 545,000.00	\$ 698.65	\$ 55,146.40	\$ 489,154.95
R. 2022-2023 WBIF Grant (BWSR) Middle Creek (601-5010001-50100861)	\$ 363,000.00	\$ 383.46	\$ 208,934.82	\$ 153,681.72
S. 2022-2025 WBIF Grant (BWSR) Alimagnet Alum (601-5010001-50100862)	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 32,044.78	\$ -	\$ 12,955.22
T. 2023 CWF Competitive Grant (BWSR) East Lake (601-5010001-50100863)	\$ 337,500.00	\$ 9,836.45	\$ 154,982.22	\$ 172,681.33
U. Wetland Bank (601-5010001-50100930)	\$ 189,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189,800.00
VRW JPO Revised Budget Expense TOTAL	\$ 3,843,680.00	\$ 1,159,447.80	\$ 952,301.37	\$ 1,731,930.83

Budget Funding Sources

Wetland Bank	\$189,800.00
CIP Reserve	\$226,800.00
CIP Reserve Grant Match	\$136,660.00
Fund Balance from Underspending in Previous Year	\$271,810.00
Grant Carryover	\$12,000.00
CWF Grant (BWSR) Competitive 2022	\$841,500.00
CWF Grant (BWSR) Competitive 2023	\$300,000.00
CWF Grant WBIF (BWSR) 2020-2023	\$487,180.00
CWF Grant WBIF (BWSR) 2022-2025	\$396,000.00
CPL Grant (DNR) 2022-2025	\$90,000.00
Fee's on Permitting Activities	\$1,000.00
Dakota County Levy	\$964,900.00
Scott County Levy	\$35,100.00
Investment Earnings	\$14,000.00
Total	\$3,966,750.00

2026-2035 Watershed Management Plan

Draft Issue Statements and Goals

Water Quality

Issue Statements

- Surface water quality is impaired or threatened.
- Groundwater quality is impaired or threatened.

Goals

- Protect and improve surface water quality.
- Protect and improve groundwater quality.

Stormwater Management

Issue Statements

- Land alterations and lack of adequate stormwater management in the watershed have increased the rate and volume of stormwater runoff, impacted water quality, degraded habitat and increased flood risk.
- Watershed regulations are challenging for some local government units to enforce.

Goals

- Reduce runoff rate and volume.
- Make watershed regulation implementation achievable.

Groundwater Sustainability

Issue Statements

- Groundwater aquifer supply is threatened due to increased and competing uses.
- Groundwater recharge rates are decreasing due to landscape alterations and climatic fluctuations.

Goal

- Protect and improve groundwater aquifer supply.

Climate Resilience

Issue Statements

- Climate patterns are negatively impacting the watershed's natural and built environment.
- Historic stormwater infrastructure is not adequate to manage climate patterns.

Goals

- Improve resilience of the watershed's natural and built environment.
- Adapt stormwater infrastructure to changing precipitation patterns.

Natural Environments

Issue Statements

- Human-caused ecosystem disruptions decrease biological diversity, promote the proliferation of invasive species and have wide-reaching impacts to the watershed's natural environment.

Goals

- Mitigate impacts from human-caused ecosystem disruptions.
- Protect and enhance natural environments.

Watershed Awareness

Issue Statements

- Public awareness and understanding of the watershed is limited.

Goals

- Improve the awareness and understanding of the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization.
- Increase community connection to the watershed's natural resources.
- Increase community understanding of environmental issues.

6e. Presentation and Discussion of Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2024 Budget-Identified Capital Improvement Project Updates

Meeting Date: 5/8/2024
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PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

- Information only. Presentation and discussion of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects identified in the 2024 Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) Budget.

SUMMARY

Based on a similar presentation at the February 14, 2024, Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission meeting, staff will present updates regarding the CIP projects identified in the 2024 Budget with the Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT

Expenses and revenues have already been identified in the 2024 Budget for the CIP projects.