

**ROCK RIVER WATERSHED GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
FOUR RIVERS SANITATION AUTHORITY  
JUNE 14, 2023**

Greg Cassaro called the Rock River Watershed Group to order at 10:01AM. The meeting was held in the Board Room at the Graceffa Administration Building, 3501 Kishwaukee Street, Rockford, Illinois. The meeting was open for in-person attendance by both Board and non-voting members.

Attendees responded to roll call.

Board members present: Greg Cassaro, FRSA; Jeff Reininger, South Beloit; Dan Barber, Rockton; Adam Lanning, Rochelle; Anne George, Woodstock; Brent Anderson, Belvidere; Michael Christensen, FRSA; Sean Von Bergen, Winnebago County; Cory Bradshaw, Sterling; Jim Grant, Harvard; Laura Williamson, Marengo.

Also in attendance was Brian Valleskey of Geosyntec, Leonard Dane of Fehr-Graham, Kara Fowler of ISU, and Tim Hanson of FRSA.

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Cassaro opened the floor for discussion of last meeting's minutes.  
Cassaro asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes.  
Barber made the motion.  
Christensen seconded.  
Cassaro called for a vote.  
All AYES were declared.  
Minutes from last meeting are approved.

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Cassaro turned the floor over to Barber for the Treasurer's Report. Barber informed the Group that all required dues have been submitted with the last two checks recently been received and will be deposited this week. The account has one check going out to Fehr-Graham for services rendered.

Cassaro asked that a motion be made to approve the Treasurer's Report.  
Reininger made the motion.  
Anderson seconded.  
Cassaro called for a vote.  
All AYES were declared.  
Treasurer's Report is approved.

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Moving on to Old Business, Cassaro reiterated to the Group that the required dues are taken care of as stated in the Treasurer's Report. Also finalized is that of the NARP extension deadlines as all entities that submitted an extension request have received a response from the EPA with their new date. All members are now tied to the same deadline date of December 2024.

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In New Business, the Group discussed a potential election of officers. This idea was presented at the previous meeting to have the 3-year term of current officers end a few months early so that future elections would appropriately line up with the RRWG annual meeting, which takes place in May. After discussing the scenario with Fitzgerald, Cassaro stated that no formal written resignations would be required from current officers; verbal would suffice.

The state of the officers:

Chairman – Greg Cassaro, resigned

Vice Chairman – Jeff Reininger, resigned

Secretary/Treasurer – Dan Barber, resigned

Data Collections Chair – Adam Lanning, resigned

The RRWG then moved into elections for new officers to be effective immediately for a 3-year term.

The state of the officers:

Chairman – Jeff Reininger nominated Greg Cassaro

**Cassaro accepted Chairman of the Board**

Vice Chairman – Greg Cassaro nominated Jeff Reininger

**Reininger accepted Vice Chairman of the Board**

Secretary/Treasurer – Adam Lanning nominated Michael Christensen

**Christensen accepted Secretary/Treasurer**

Data Collections Chair – Dan Barber nominated Adam Lanning

**Lanning accepted Data Collections Chair**

This concludes the 2023 election of officers.

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Moving into Reports of Committees, Dane provided members with a brief tentative sampling schedule for the upcoming season. The process will begin at the end of June with the first sample pull taking place the second week of July. Any interested member that would like to participate in the process is welcome. Fehr-Graham introduced the Group to the ISU intern that will be assisting in the sampling, Kara Fowler, but noted that Fowler will be returning to school at the end of August. Von Bergen asked if there would be any need for additional labor to finish out the sampling period, to which Dane responded that it would be appreciated but otherwise Fehr-Graham has staff that can cover the task. Current weather predictions for this summer state that it should be hot and dry.

Next in reports comes from Valleskey who has had communication along with Cassaro from Hampshire. Hampshire and Huntley are at the top of the watershed and while they have opted to perform their own NARP model, they did suggest an interest in cross-sharing data between the RRWG and them in order to create a more comprehensive model. This has been previously discussed in the last meeting, and Cassaro noted that he didn't see a problem with the collaboration so long as Hampshire continues to carry their own load.

Action items for next meeting include the transfer of secretary/treasurer duties from Barber to Christensen. Barber and Christensen, along with Cassaro and Reininger will need to coordinate with the RRWG bank in Rockton to get Christensen signatory authorization on the bank account for future responsibilities.

With no further discussion, the Group will next meet on **Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM**. The subcommittee will meet on **Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM**.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:27AM.