



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

To: BCWMC Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners
From: Administrator Jester
Date: March 13, 2024

RE: Joint Powers Agreement Revisions

At their meeting in January, the Commission directed the Commission Attorney to update the BCWMC Joint Powers Agreement which expires on January 1, 2025. Updates to the JPA were to include streamlining, simplifying, and reorganizing for clarity; updating provisions based on current policies and practices; and ensuring that the JPA includes all mandated provisions contained in Minnesota Rules, section 8410.0030.

Two documents are attached here: 1) the first DRAFT of the updated JPA; and 2) the existing JPA document showing where text was removed (with strikeout) and notes indicating where certain provisions can be found in the updated JPA (in gray text or textboxes and/or highlights). (A true "tracked changes" version of the document is nearly impossible to follow due to total reorganization of the document. It is not included here.)

Except for adding a provision allowing for the compensation of commissioners with commission funds (at the direction of the Commission), revisions made to the JPA do not increase or decrease commission powers or fundamentally alter the makeup and operation of the Commission.

Attorney Anderson will walk through the changes and answer questions. Commissioners and TAC members should review and discuss the updates. Ideally, the final version of the updated JPA would be approved at the April Commission meeting.