



Monday, Feb. 16, 2026 @ 2:00pm (Riverblock Auditorium, room 206)

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Leichtnam at 2:00 pm.
 - a. Round robin introductions of meeting attendees
- 2.) Public Comment - None
- 3.) Approve minutes of Jan. 19, 2026 mtg
 - a. Carrell made a motion to adopt the Jan. 19, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Buttke 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.) Correspondence / Updates / Handouts / Reports on meetings attended
 - a. Letter was sent to Rep.s Mursau, Guerverro, and Callahan concerning the Alliance for the Great Lakes “Nitrates on Tap” report.
 - b. Dimick and McNelly had a meeting with Katie Garvey from the ELPC about their winter manure spreading tool. McNelly is working Katie to get her the contact info for all of the Central Sands County Con’s so Katie can work with them directly.
- 5.) Future Secretary Duties
 - a. Jen McNelly is leaving her Extension position as a NRE to become the Area Extension Director. CWG is need of someone to take minutes at the upcoming meetings.
- 6.) Discuss Chair’s 2026 Recommendations: Promoting CWG mission, increasing membership, and grants/wish list.
 - a. Small group discussion was had on each topic. The subsequent months (March, April, May and June) will be spent discussing these topics and creating a plan for the upcoming year.
- 7.) Discussion/Action from the floor
 - a. Carrell mentioned that Bennett Goldstein had contacted her and would like to discuss the work of CWG with the group. Leichtnam suggested that be the topic for the March meeting
- 8.) Possible agenda items for next meeting
- 9.) Next mtg. — March. 16, 2026, 2:00 pm
- 10.) Adjourn –
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made by Buttke and 2nd by Dimick. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Bill Leichtnam adjourned the meeting at 3:37 pm.

Present in the meeting: Bill Leichtnam, Jen McNelly, Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Bruce Dimick, Tom Buttke, Sandy Cain, Russ Perlock, Susie Ettner, Ken Winters.

Virtual: Gordon Gottbeheut, Tracy Arnold, Tim Hovendick, Ben Jefferies,

Respectfully submitted by Jen McNelly on February 17, 2026

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