

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 12, 2017 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

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The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 8:40 a.m. by chair Jeff Potter. The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Potter – Chair

Joe Plaetz - Secretary

Kris Tauer – Treasurer

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Dennis Groebner

STAFF: Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

Ed Carter participated via phone, but did not participate in voting.

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Plaetz, second by Tauer to adopt the agenda with addition of SWCD Governance 101 Training. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Tauer, second by Plaetz to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2017 board meeting as amended; page 3 under survey equipment capable needs to be changed to compatible. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COST SHARE: WCA Funds to implement Water Management Plan:

Motion by Plaetz, second by Tauer to accept the following requests for cost share assistance utilizing WCA funds to implement the Redwood County Water Management Plan: These are incentive payments to implement water quality projects.

Kari Clouse
Office Assistant

Kristy Zajac
Conservation
Specialist

Kurt
Mathiowetz
Water Quality
Technician

MMW-5	Matt Tiffany	Strip-Till	\$1,200.00
MMW-6	Matt Tiffany	Cover Crops	\$3,200.00
MNW-7	Corey Hultquist	Cover Crops	\$3,200.00
MMW-8	Curtis Trost	Cover Crops	\$3,100.00
MMW-9	Matt Tiffany	Alt.Intake	\$ 300.00
MMW-10	Ross Dolezal	Grid Sampling	\$1,500.00

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COST SHARE *continued:*

MMW-11	Shawn Dolezal	Grid Sampling	\$ 883.20
MMW-12	Jim Sorenson	Grid Sampling	\$1,500.00
MMW-13	Jeffrey Sorenson	Grid Sampling	\$1,500.00
MMW-14	Andy Schiller	Grid Sampling	\$1,500.00

Control will provide technical authority on the Grid Sampling contracts. Motion Carried.

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Plaetz, second by Tauer to approve payment of bills through April 12, 2017 totaling \$54,259.78. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Kristy Zajac entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Conservation Specialist – Zajac 1) Spent many hours on completing map and listing of other waters that may be of concern and were not on the DNR published map. 2) CRP Plans and eligibility. 3) Will be participating in training on CREP. 4) Have been told that Kramer has 3rd pretrial hearing for potential WCA violation. 5) BWSR has released information for alternative practices for buffer implementation.

Zajac left the meeting and Kurt Mathiowetz entered at 8:55 a.m.

Water Quality Technician – Mathiowetz 1) Working on the Middle Minnesota Watershed cost share program. 2) Water Quality Certification Program has slowed down. 3) Helping with engineered projects. 4) Working through University of MN, Redwood SWCD will participate in another tillage survey this year. Mathiowetz will be completing the field work using an iPad.

Kurt Mathiowetz left the meeting 9:03 a.m.

District Administrator – Bernhardson 1) Continue to work on RIM folders and making changes to contracts. 2) Got copier bids. 3) Sent letter requesting bids for audit of 2016 books. 4) Participated in FAC Meeting. 5) Had to send risk management and electronic data reports to MCIT. 6) Completed U.S. Census for Governmental Units. 7) Completed farmbill reimbursement report. 8) Attended an Operational Agreement meeting. 9) Participated in the Technical Service Area (TSA) Organization and Management Meeting. 10) Have been asked to serve on Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage work group to define outcomes and impacts for the LSOH funds. 11) Participated in buffer law and alternative practice update conference call. 12) Updated vendor list.

RCRCA: - Carter, via phone reported on the April 6, 2017 meeting.

County Commissioner – Groebner - Board has had a discussion regarding DNR proposal for dams on the Cottonwood River. 2) Veteran Cemetery may be in jeopardy due to issue with cemetery in Duluth. 3) At the next commissioner meeting they will be considering a proposed ordinance accepting enforcement authority of the buffer law.

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Shannon Gegner entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

NRCS DC Report – See DC Gegner attached report.

Gegner left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

PAYMENT OF SUPERVISORS: In talking with other SWCD's they indicated their supervisor's compensation and expense payments are completed through auto deposit. Discussion followed. It was agreed that board members will continue receiving checks.

RESOLUTIONS: If there is a resolution idea we need to submit it at the Area Meeting in June so that it reaches the MASWCD office by July.

Kristy Zajac entered the meeting 9:35 a.m.

OTHER WATERS IN THE COUNTY: Handed out copies of the map and listing of other waters the office has identified based on criteria that was developed. Board reviewed maps and listing of areas the office has identified as other waters. Motion by Plaetz, second by Tauer to send it to the Water Plan Task force for their review and comments. Motion carried.

Zajac left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

SURVEY EQUIPMENT: After the last board meeting, staff sought bids from other sources for equipment that will be compatible with other agencies. Motion by Tauer, second by Plaetz to purchase Trimble R10 GNSS survey equipment from Frontier Precision. Motion carried. All bids are on file in the district office.

COPIER – In June our copier will be 9 years old. MARCO, working through National Joint Powers Alliance is now able to offer leased copiers at a reduced rate and we are not required to seek bids. Since the last meeting, staff sought bids from other companies to lease copiers with similar specifications as the Konica. Handed out a comparison of all three bids. Motion by Plaetz, second by Tauer to approve lease agreement with Konica based on comparisons provided to the board. Motion carried. Comparison on file in the district office.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT: Handed out copies of the 2016 Annual Report that is posted on our web-site.

SWCD GOVERNANCE 101 TRAINING: MASWCD is sponsoring a training course for SWCD board members and staff September 14-15, 2017 in Bloomington.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on May 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Plaetz, second by Tauer to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. Motion carried.

Supervisor