

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2017 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 8:35 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

Ed Carter – Vice Chair

Joe Plaetz – Secretary

Kris Tauer - Treasurer

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Dennis Groebner

STAFF: Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

ABSENT: Brian Timm

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried

MINUTES: Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to approve the minutes from January 11, 2017 board meeting as sent. Motion carried.

Kris Tauer entered the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COST SHARE: Local Capacity Funds

Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to accept the following requests for cost share assistance:

LC-1	Tim Doubler	WASCB	\$3,909.00
LC-2	Tim Doubler	WASCB	\$5,664.38
LC-3	Ryan Robinson	Diversion	\$9,875.38*

*other funds include \$5,000 Water Quality Certification Program and \$7,249.62 FY17 Cost Share

Motion Carried.

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SINATURE CARDS: Board members signed new signature cards for Minnwest Bank and Edward Jones. Timm will have to sign at a later date.

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Carter, second by Tauer to approve payment of the bills with the corrected date of February 8, 2017 totaling \$44,095.20. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Kristy Zajac entered the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Conservation Specialist – Zajac – 1) Buffer compliance submitted to BWSR. 2) Continue to work on CRP scenarios. 3) Reviewing other waters of the county. 4) Gearing up for CREP signup. 5) Continue to work on wetland violation in Delhi Township, looks like it will be going to court.

Kristy Zajac left the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

District Administrator – Bernhardson 1) Continue to work on RIM folders. 2) Developed budget for 2017 Local Capacity Funds. 3) Finalized Employee Handbook. 4) Working on 2016 Annual Report and 2016 Expenditures and Outcome Report. 5) Testified before two house committees regarding the implementation of the buffer law. 6) Did an interview with KLGR's news director about the buffer hearing and CREP. 7) Submitted semi-annual report for middle Minnesota WRAPS project. Office is getting ready to send out letter indicating cost share opportunities in the watershed. 8) Was re-appointed to MAWCD's Legislative Committee. 9) BWSR staff met with our staff to discuss possible process for CREP. 10) Scott Wold of the Environmental Office and I met with the county commissioners to discuss enforcement of the buffer law.

RCRCA: - Carter reported on the February 2, 2017 meeting.

County Commissioner: Groebner – 1) Conditional use permit for new tower and new feedlot were approved. 2) County attorney reported on workload for 2016. 3) Discussion was held on the buffer ordinance and had general consensus that Redwood County will accept enforcement.

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

NRCS DC Report – See DC Gegner attached report.

Gegner and Watson left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

2017 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM: Supervisors received a copy of MASWCD's legislative platform for 2017.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol will be held March 20-21, 2017 at the Embassy Suites.

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MASTER JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: BWSR has developed a new process for districts to receive payment when they work on the RIM Program. We are required to sign a Master Joint Powers Agreement. Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz to authorize Chair to sign Master Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried.

AREA V MEETING: The next Area V meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 2017 at St. Stephen's Church in Marshall. Copy of agenda was handed out. Need to send number attending in by February 10, 2017.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: Personnel Committee met and reviewed the draft Employee handbook. Several areas the personnel committee wanted full board to discuss.

Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to adopt the revised Employee Handbook as recommended by personnel committee along with change to storm/inclement weather section. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Tauer, second by Carter to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Motion carried.

Supervisor