

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 13, 2018 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 8:30 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
Brian Timm – PR&I

STAFF: Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Jim Salfer

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

MINUTES: Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 board meeting as sent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COST SHARE: Motion by Timm, second by Plaetz to approve payment for the completed cost share applications:

District:

4-17	Jay Fultz	Waterway	\$2,346.37
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Buffer Cost Share:

7-Buffer	Donald Pohlen	Buffer	\$ 67.84
72-Buffer	John Woodford	Buffer	\$ 225.00

Motion carried

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Cost Share continued:

Motion by Timm, second by Carter to approve the following requests for cost share assistance:

District:

1-18	Donald West	Basin	\$14,340.00
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Flood Recovery:

19-Flood	Brian Rasmussen	Basin	\$20,446.39
20-Flood	Larry Abrahamson	Basin	\$ 5,988.75
21-Flood	Larry Abrahamson	Basin	\$12,816.00
22-Flood	Henry Amberg	Basin	\$ 5,517.25

Water Management Plan:

David Swedzinski	Basin	\$3,039.75
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Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to approve payment of the bills through June 13, 2018 totaling \$32,494.81. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Kristy Zajac entered the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

Conservation Specialist – Zajac 1) Continue to work with individuals to enroll in CREP. 2) CRP opened up with changes. Have been working with individuals to determine their options. Completed CRP spot checks on those who expressed an interest in possibly re-enrolling. 3) Couple wetland issues. Still warrant out for wetland violator. 4) Working on items for the CREP Ceremony. 5) Looking at herbicide carry over on sites that will be seeded in CRP or CREP.

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

Water Quality Technician – Mathiowetz 1) Water Quality Certification Program – have approximately 25 certificated. 2) Getting bids sent out for construction projects. 3) Completed Residue survey where University could get good imagery, which means were we able to get only about 1/2 completed of what they wanted.

Kurt Mathiowetz left the meeting and Brian Pfarr entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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REPORTS: continued

Resource Specialist – Pfarr 1) Helped organized and attended Cultural Resources Training so district staff can be certified. 2) Took MPCA on a tour of the Plum Creek Sub-Watershed to try to get 319 funds into watershed. 3) Have 14 projects ready for construction of which 11 are funded through EQIP. We are still trying to locate funds to provide cost share for approximately 56 additional projects. 4) 3 CREP wetland restorations are designed and ready to install. 5) Had a good meeting with several DNR staff to work on an engineering design for stream bank stabilizations. 6) Working on Soil Health Coalition for MN. 7) Helped out with 5th grade Ag day. 8) Mike Landuyt was selected as Regional Cattleman of the year. Did an interview with a film crew on Landuyt's farm. 9) Will be attending the Soil Health Academy July 31-August 2, 2018.

Brian Pfarr left the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

RCRCA: - Carter reported on the June 11, 2018 meeting.

TSA: - Meeting will be held on June 27, 2018 meeting.

County Commissioner – Salfer 1) Design is being worked on for Dam removal on the Cottonwood River in Lamberton and Sanborn.

CANDIDATE PROSPECTUS: Copies of candidate prospectus were handed out to each supervisor. The document answers many of the questions supervisors may have about serving as president or vice president for MASWCD.

COMPUTER UPDATE: There are currently three districts using our server. To make things simpler it was decided to have an annual user fee of \$825.00 a year, plus others licenses and registrations for some of the programs rather than per issue charge.

NRCS RE-ORGANIZATION: Handed out copies of the proposed NRCS re-organization plan.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Handed out copies of the 2018 MASWCD legislative session summary.

AREA V MEETING: Area V Meeting will be held at the "The Rock", in Granite Falls on Thursday, June 21, 2018.

DNR WELL CONTRACT: District entered into an agreement with DNR to continue monitoring six wells across the county.

FARMBILL GRANT: A grant request was submitted to continue the funding for a .75 farm bill position for FY 2019.

LOCALLY LED WORKSHOP: There will be six Workshops across Minnesota to gather input to strengthen the conservation partnership between, local, state and federal entities. There will be one in Marshall on August 2, 2018. It is recommend for supervisors, staff as well as NRCS attend.

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WATERSHED CONSERVATION PLANNER INITIATIVE: BWSR and NRCS have entered into a three-year agreement to accelerate conservation planning in seven watersheds in Minnesota. The Middle Minnesota Watershed has been selected as one of the seven. They have funds to hire full time planners and it has been suggested that Redwood SWCD act as host. Motion by Timm, second by Tauer to authorize Redwood District to act as host. Motion carried.

DRAINAGE WATER MANAGEMENT: Invites for the Drainage Water Management Demonstration at Southwest Research and Outreach Center were handed out. Event will be held August 16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CREP CEMEMORY: Reminder that the first recorded CREP Easement for CREP III will be held on Monday, June 18th at the Robert VanderLinden Farm.

STAFFING: With the announcement of the future retirement of the District Administrator, motion by Carter second by Timm to continue discussions with the county. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on July 11, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

ADJOURNMNET: Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Motion carried.

Supervisor