

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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MARCH 13, 2019 MINUTES

The Redwood County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 A.M. in the Conference Room in the Ag Service Center, Redwood Falls, MN.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Supervisors Jeff Potter, Joseph Plaetz. Also present were County Commissioner Dennis Groebner, NRCS District Conservationist Shannon Gegner; County Environmental Director/SWCD Administrator Scott Wold, Deputy Administrator Tyler Christensen, and Conservation Specialist Kristy Zajac. Present via telephone was Supervisor Ed Carter.

The Board was unable to meet in regular session due to a lack of an acceptable quorum according to Minnesota Open Meeting Law Statute 13D.015. The agenda items were reviewed and no official actions were taken to ensure compliance with the aforementioned law was maintained. All actions were therefore tabled until the next regular session meeting.

ADOPT AGENDA

The Board reviewed the agenda.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Negative Report

FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTING UPDATE

The Monthly Checks Written, Cash Asset Accounts, and Deposit reports from the current year were presented by Wold and discussed amongst those present.

BILLS PAYABLE

The Board reviewed the bills payable.

STATE OF MN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

The board members reviewed the State of MN Joint Powers Agreement for the administration of the Walk-In Access Program for conservation programs contracts.

CENEX CREDIT CARD

The board members acknowledged the transition from the Cenex fleet charge cards to Redwood County's gas cards.

BANK SIGNATORIES

The Minnwest Bank Account Approved Signatories Form was reviewed. Potter and Plaetz signed their portions to require two signatures for each check.

SWCD/COUNTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS:

The Board reviewed BWSR's proposed changes to the Cooperative Agreement, as presented by Plaetz

SWWC SERVICES CONTRACT

Wold explained the proposed transition from the SWWC IT Server, to Redwood County's Server. The Board acknowledged the proposed action.

EXCESS PROPERTY

No associated discussion took place.

REPORTS:

Shannon Gegner: See Attachment A.

Kristy Zajac: There are 25 RIM Easements that are being worked through. A BWSR Representative conducted a training for the SWCD Staff. WCA projects are progressing. She attended a seeding and CREP training in Mankato and Marshall, respectively.

RCRCA: Carter explained that the funding has been switched to move forward with the Lake Redwood Project. The actual project has yet to be approved.

Dennis Groebner: Negative Report.

Legislative Update Day: Potter discussed the day. He sat in on committee sessions and saw positive results for the future funding. He met with the Legislators and discussed the possibility of a SWCD tax levy. Sen. Gary Dahms figured that the funding should come out of the Clean Water Fund.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is planned for April 10, 2019 at 8:30 A.M. in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

ADJOURNMENT

Potter called the meeting to adjournment at 9:30 a.m.

Board Member

Date

ATTACHMENT A



United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS DC Report

March 13, 2019 Redwood County SWCD Board Meeting

Submitted by: Shannon Gegner

- CSP-Renewals- A ta standstill with the new Farmbill. Renewals were not authorized so we are not sure what will happen to these.
- No new CSP sign-up announced.
- We currently have 30 Eligible and Ranked EQIP applications. Just wrapping up planning and waiting for the pre-preapprovals to come out.
- 1026's certifications have picked up. They are being done out of Waseca currently due to backlog in Marshall. I will be able to have a more accurate number of backlogs, it will be small, soon.
- A new Sinew employee (used to be Ultima) started on the 1st. Carolina. She previously worked out of the Brown County office.
- Jon Weidemann, the new Soil Conservation Tech will be starting March 18th.
- Troy Daniell (MN State Conservationist) will be coming down to meet with the Lower Sioux council on March 26th. Lon Matz and I will be attending as well.

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