

# REDWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 14, 2017 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, June 14, 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  
Brian Timm – PR&I

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Dennis Groebner

**STAFF:** Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

**ABSENT:** Kris Tauer

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to adopt the agenda with addition of 2018 Budget development. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to approve the minutes from April 12, 2017 board meeting sent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### COST SHARE:

*Cancellation:* At request of landowner, motion by Carter, second by Plaetz, to cancel cost share request for Matt Tiffany as he received funds through EQIP program. Motion carried.

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

Dan Billmeier	Basins	\$9,043.65*
*\$3,924.80 Water Management Implementation		
* \$1,436.25 FY 16 State Cost Share		
* \$3,682.60 FY17 State Cost Share		

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**BILLS PAYABLE:** Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to approve payment of bills through June 14, 2017 totaling \$58,791.23. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

Kurt Mathiowetz entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

*Water Quality Technician* – Mathiowetz 1) Water Quality Certification Program – have 21 applications, 8 certified and working with 4 others to get certified. 2) Assisting with engineering. 3) On site with archeologists to review construction sites.

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

*Resource Specialists* - Pfarr 1) Finalized the local work group process for the state committee. 2) Selected to test "Desk Top" a new system for NRCS. 3) Since March have written 213 CRP contracts in toolkit. 4) Demonstrated rainfall simulator for students at college in Marshall. Will also be demonstrating for a tour called "I am not a farmer". 5) Will be on panel for Cover Crop Meeting in Renville. 6) Currently have 3 contractors working on projects, 19 other projects to complete this year and have 15 that need to be surveyed and funding. 7) Met with Megan Lennon from BWSR to discuss Area V technical training committee. 8) Working to resolve several RIM wetland restoration problems.

Brian left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

*District Administrator* – Bernhardson 1) Working on trying to finalize WRAPS report for Middle MN Watershed. 2) Redwood and Cottonwood WRAPS are starting. 3) Attended Water Management Task Force meeting. 4) Mailed other water maps to Townships. 5) Helped with Ag Day at Gilfillan. 6) Developed Farmbill Grant. 7) Working with Renville and Lac qui Parle SWCD's to develop Farmfest theme and materials. 8) Attended LSOHC Committee Outcomes meetings. 9) Reconciliation completed by BWSR for FY 2016 Local Capacity Grant. 10) Working on Environmental Fair items. 11) Worked with Kristy to mail approximately 140 letters to individuals who need to make sure they get into compliance with the Public Waters Buffers. 12) Discussed proposed federal USDA Re-organization, etc. 13) Presented information about proposed Nitrogen fertilizer rules.

*RCRCA:* - Carter reported on the June 1, 2017 meeting.

**RCRCA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT:** Motion by Timm, second by Plaetz to authorize SWCD representative Carter to sign the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried.

*County Commissioner* – Groebner – 1) Redwood County Highway engineer has resigned. 2) Working to try to renew contract for Farmfest to remain in Redwood County. 3) Received money from state for railroad. 4) Received state funding to blacktop Nobles Avenue, road that goes passed possible veteran cemetery.

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#### **Reports continued:**

Shannon Gegner entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

*NRCS DC Report* – See DC Gegner attached report.

Gegner left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT:** With the changes the bank has made in their accounts, a savings account has been set so, we can maintain receiving interest. Signature card was signed by two supervisors.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Bernhardson updated the board on the legislative outcome that impacts SWCD's.

**OTHER WATERS IN THE COUNTY:** Board must adopt a resolution approving the list and map of other waters identified in the county. Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to adopt resolution adopting other waters list and maps. Motion carried. All townships in the county have been mailed copies of the maps.

**FARM BILL GRANT:** A grant request was submitted for 1.15 % position. Increase was due to Brian Pfarr writing CRP plans. However, they only funded a 75% position.

**AUDIT BIDS:** Need to have our 2016 books audited. Letters requesting bids were mailed to several accountants. Received only one bid. Motion by Timm, second by Carter to accept the bid from Thomas Stotesbery, LTD for the amount of \$4,470.00. Motion carried.

**DNR WELL CONTRACT:** Submitted a DNR Well monitoring contract for same 6 wells as have been monitored in the past.

**AREA V MEETING:** Area V meeting will be held Friday, June 23, 2017 at the AGCO Corporation in Jackson.

**BUDGET:** Need to develop our 2018 Budget. Committee will meet on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular board meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on July 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Timm, second by Carter to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried with Plaetz voting no.

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Supervisor