

REDWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES FROM THE JULY 12, 2017 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

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Brian Pfarr
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Specialist

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Carter – Vice-Chair
Joe Plaetz - Secretary
Brian Timm – PR&I

STAFF: Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

ABSENT: Jeff Potter, Kris Tauer and County Commissioner Groebner.

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to adopt the agenda with addition of Buffer CS Grant, motion to pay for supervisors to attend meeting and Tree Facility. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Timm, second by Plaetz to approve the minutes from June 14, 2017 board meeting as sent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COST SHARE: Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to approve payment of the following cost share contracts:

Flood Funds:

14-Flood	Waraju, Inc.	Repair Grade Stab	\$28,164.50
12-Flood	Beverly Pfarr	Grade Stabilization	\$31,605.37*

*Area II also has funds for the project

Local Capacity and FY17 Cost Share:

LC-3	Ryan Robinson	Diversion	\$9,975.38
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And \$5,078.97 FY17 Cost Share

Middle Minnesota Watershed – Water Mgt. Implementation/Flat Rate			
MMW-7	Corey Hultquist	Cover Crops	\$3,200.00

Motion carried

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BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to approve payment of bills through July 12, 2017 totaling \$124,759.35. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Conservation Specialist: Zajac has appointments with customers. She has been spending most of her time on CREP applications and a tentative trial date has been set for possible wetland violation.

District Administrator – Bernhardson 1) Finalized WRAPS report for Middle MN Watershed. 2) Attended Buffer Meeting. 3) Set up county wide buffer meeting and developed buffer flyer. 4) With staff, developed criteria for buffer cost share. 5) Submitted application for additional Water Quality Certification funds. 6) Worked on Farmfest booth items. 7) Worked on development of 2018 budget and met with budget committee. 8) Worked with DC to develop Operational Agreement. 9) RIM/CREP Programs. 10) Met with County Attorney to prepare for trial on potential wetland violation.

RCRCA: - Carter reported on the July 6, 2017 meeting.

Shannon Gegner entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

NRCS DC Report – See DC Gegner attached report.

Shannon Gegner left the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Brian Pfarr entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Resource Specialist - Pfarr 1) Finalized four BMP projects. 2) Working on cover crops. 3) Demonstrated the rainfall simulator twice. 4) CRP plans are just about wrapped up.

Brian Pfarr left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

BUFFER UPDATE: Updated the board on the buffer program.

BUFFER COST SHARE POLICY: Each SWCD will receive cost share funds to assist with the installation of buffers for individuals to get into compliance with the buffer law. Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to adopt the cost share policy as handed out and authorized district administrator to approve all buffer cost share applications by signing them. Motion carried.

BUFFER MEETING: There will be a county wide buffer update meeting on July 18, 2017 at the Wabasso Community Center.

BUFFER COST SHARE GRANT: A buffer cost share grant application in the amount of \$75,000 was received, signed and submitted to BWSR on July 11, 2017.

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COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENT: Motion by Timm, second by Plaetz to authorize vice-chair to sign the Cooperative Working Agreement with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Motion carried.

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT: DC and District Administrator developed a working operational agreement indicating what services will be shared between the district and NRCS. Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm authorizing the vice chair and district administrator to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

MASWCD ANNUAL CONVENTION: MASWCD Annual Convention will be December 4-5, 2017 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington.

NITROGEN FERTILIZEDR RULE: Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to pay any supervisor compensation and expenses for attending the nitrogen fertilizer rule meeting in Marshall on June 22, 2017. Motion carried.

TREE STORAGE FACILITY: County has asked about the tree storage facility the district built on county property in 1987. Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to authorize the removal of the tree storage facility. Motion carried.

2018 BUDGET: Budget committee met and developed the 2018 draft budget. Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to adopt draft budget as presented. Motion carried. Budget will be presented to county commissioners at a later date.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on August 9, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

ADJOURNMENT: Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Supervisor