

REDWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 11, 2017 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Supervisors

Chair
Jeff Potter
District I
(507) 641-3087

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 8:34 a.m. by chair Jeff Potter. The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

Vice Chair
Ed Carter
District V
(507) 629-4843

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Potter - Chair
Ed Carter – Vice-Chair
Joe Plaetz – Secretary
Kris Tauer – Treasurer

Secretary
Joseph Plaetz
District IV
(507)747-2803

STAFF: Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

Treasurer
Kristen Tauer
District III
(507) 220-5393

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to approve the agenda as amended to include: meet new FSA CED, Cost Share and State Convention. Motion carried.

PR & I
Brian Timm
District II
(507) 430-2220

Brian Timm entered the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

MINUTES: Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2017 board meeting as sent. Motion carried.

Staff

Marilyn
Bernhardson
District
Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FSA CED:

Kari Clouse
Office Assistant

Larry Thielen, FSA CED entered the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Kristy Zajac
Conservation
Specialist

Larry has been the CED at FSA for about 2 weeks. He gave a brief background about himself.

Kurt Mathiowetz
Water Quality
Technician

Larry Thielen left the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Brian Pfarr
Resource
Specialist

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz to approve payment of bills through October 11, 2017 totaling \$41,721.37. Motion carried.

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COST SHARE:

Motion by Carter, second by Timm to pay the following cost share contracts:

MMW-4	Ben Jeppsen	Cover Crop	22 Acres	\$ 880.00
MMW-6	Matt Tiffany	Cover Crop	80 Acres	\$1,200.00

Motion carried.

Flood Fund – Contract 13-Flood, Chris Jeckell's grade stabilization project is completed; however, we have not received the "as built" yet. Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to authorize payment of Jeckell's contract contingent of office receiving the "as built". Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Kristy Zajac entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Conservation Specialist: Zajac – See attached report

Zajac left the meeting and Mathiowetz entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Water Quality Technician: Mathiowetz - 1) Spending time on the Water Quality Certification Program: working with landowners to get certified and working with program to secure cost share funds for landowners. 2) Working with Pfarr on construction projects.

Mathiowetz left the meeting and Brian Pfarr entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Resource Specialist: Pfarr 1) Working on BMP projects – have about 24 projects to get constructed this fall and 32 need to have survey's completed. 2) Completed one RIM wetland issue and continue working on 2 others. 3) Have 5 wetland restorations that need to be completed. 4) Presented at the Environmental Fair. 5) Presented wind and rainfall simulator to the group called LINC (Lead, Inspire, Network and Create). 6) Wrote CRP plans for CREP. 7) Have been helping Brown SWCD staff with BMP projects. 8) Received JAA from NRCS.

Pfarr left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

District Administrator: Bernhardson 1) RIM and CREP processing and updating plans. To date have 13 approved CREP contracts. 2) Buffers – Helping many individuals, processing cost share applications and extension requests. 3) FAC Meeting. 4) Submitted Farmbill reimbursement report. 5) Attended two local capacity funding meetings. 6) Met with RIM landowner regarding possible location of pump house placement. 7) Met with County Commissioners for them to adopt Other Waters and add them as an addendum to County Water Management Plan. Also discussed land use plan. 8) Wrote guest column article for Redwood Gazette. 9) Received notice from BWSR regarding the FY2018 SWCD Local Capacity Matching Grant. 10) Attended Environmental Fair.

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RCRCA: Carter reported on the October 5th meeting. November 2, 2017 is RCRCA's annual meeting in Pipestone, Minnesota.

DC: Shannon Gegner had meeting in Marshall, so report was handed out.

COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENT: Late September, we received a signed copy of the cooperative working agreement we submitted to NRCS.

CONTRACTS APPROVED:

Middle Minnesota Sub-watershed where we are using WCA funds to implement the Water Management Plan:

MMW-15	Jason Ourada	Cover Crops	\$ 800.00
MMW-16	Bruce Tiffany	Strip-Till	\$1,200.00

Buffer Cost Share:

10-B	Franklin Kvendru	Buffer	\$135.00
11-B	Allen Zollner	Buffer	\$125.00

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PARTNESHIP: NRCS, BWSR and MASWCD had a report prepared on the economic impacts of the conservation partnership. Copies of the findings were distributed.

2018 FARMBILL POLICY REQUESTS: Board members received copies of what NACD submitted to congress indicating what is essential for conservation in the 2018 farm bill.

SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP: Our office is working with Grant and Dawn Breitreutz on a soil health/row crop workshop on November 9th. Main speaker will be Allen Williams who is a cover crop expert. They are anticipating the cost to be approximately \$4,000. Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to contribute \$500.00 from district for workshop. Motion carried.

VEHICLE: Table till winter.

CONVENTION/RESOLUTIONS: Discussed convention and voted on the 2017 resolutions.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Supervisor