

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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## MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 14, 2018 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, March 14, 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

**STAFF:** Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2018 board meeting as sent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

Brian Timm entered the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

### COST SHARE: *State Cost Share:*

Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz to approve the following request for cost share assistance utilizing the State Cost Share Program:

4-17	Jay Fultz	Grassed Waterway	\$2,346.37
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Motion carried.

*WCA dollars to implement Water Management Plan:* Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to accept the following requests for financial assistance:

1	John Rohlik	Cover Crops	\$ 800.00
2	Guggisberg Farms, Inc.	Cover Crops	\$ 800.00
3	Andrew Van Nurden	Cover Crops	\$ 800.00
4	Jason Ourada	No-Till	\$1,200.00

Motion carried.

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**BILLS PAYABLE:** Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to approve payment of the bills through March 14, 2018 totaling \$55,221.52. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

Commissioner Denis Groebner entered the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

*District Administrator* – Bernhardson 1) NRCS is requesting proposals for Conservation Collaboration grants to help deliver their programs. Redwood SWCD will be meeting with Renville SWCD to collaborate on a possible application.

*RCRCA:* - No meeting in March

*MASWCD Legislative Briefing:* Potter and Timm reported on legislative meetings where we met with five legislators.

*County Commissioner* – Discussion is still ongoing regarding Courthouse.

*NRCS DC* – No report available.

**CRP SIGNING:** Several years ago, we were asked to designate a district staff person to sign CRP plans. At that time, the board appointed the district administrator. District Administrator is recommending that it be changed to Resource Specialist. Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz to authorize the Resource Specialist to sign all future CRP contracts. Motion carried.

**BUFFER UPDATE:** Copy of Buffer Cost Share Application spreadsheet was provided to supervisors. Spreadsheet was forwarded to BWSR on February 28, 2018. We encumbered a total of \$61,699.20, including \$10,283.20 Technical and Administrative. Unencumbered balance was paid to BWSR on March 1, 2018.

**VEHICLE:** Updated board on Vehicle. Counties insurance does not allow non-county employees to drive their vehicles. There is not a lease program that incorporates the bid assistance that is available. Bids were requested from three businesses as well as the state pool, for a 2018 Traverse. Bids were received from the state pool and two businesses. Motion by Plaetz, second by Timm to purchase vehicle through H & L Motors at their bid price for a 2018 Traverse. Motion carried.

**LOCAL WORK GROUP:** Reminder that we will have our regular board meeting on April 11, 2018 in the Commissioners Meeting room with the Local Work Group meeting to start at 10:00 in the same room.

**WRAPS:** Motion by Timm second by Carter to pay per diem and expenses for any supervisor who attends the WRAPS meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018. Motion carried.

**DEBBAUT WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT:** Debbaut's wetland restoration plans were presented to the board. The project will eliminate and re-route Redwood County tile and therefore, there needs to be a petition presented to the ditch authority removing benefits from the system. Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz agreeing Redwood SWCD be one of the petitioners. Motion carried.

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**CLOSED MEETING:** There was no closed meeting held.

**STATE COST SHARE POLICY:** Cost share policy that staff reviewed and made a few minor changes to was presented. Motion by Timm, second by Plaetz to approved revised State Cost Share Control Policy. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular board meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on April 11, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the county commissioner meeting room in the Government Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

**ADJOURNMNET:** Motion by Carter, second by Timm to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried.

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Supervisor