

# REDWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 9, 2017 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, August 9, 2017 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  
Brian Timm - PR&I

**STAFF:** Marilyn Bernhardson - District Administrator

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Dennis Groebner

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Motion by Timm, second by Carter to adopt agenda as amended by moving item's after reports to beginning of agenda. Motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

*WCA Funds implementing Water Management:*

MMW-8	Curtis Trost	Cover Crops	\$3,100.00
MMW-2	Chris Christensen	Cover Crops	\$1,200.00
MMW-3	Richard Mauer	Cover Crops	\$3,200.00

Motion carried.

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

*Flood:*

15-Flood	John Doubler	Grade Stabilization	\$20,850.78
16-Flood	Paul Plaetz	Basins	\$11,361.15

*BWSR Cost Share:*

3-17	Landuyt Land & Livestock	Basin	\$ 2,988.25*
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\*Water Quality Certification also providing funds

Motion carried.

**BILLS PAYABLE:** Motion by Plaetz, second by Carter to approve payment of bills through August 9, 2017 totaling \$34,771.62. Motion carried.

**25% BY 2025 TOWN HALL MEETINGS:** Governor is hosting town hall meetings across the state as he has set a water quality benchmark of 25% reduction in pollutants by 2025 for MN Water's. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the Southwest Minnesota State University Conference Center in Marshall starting at 6:30 p.m.

**SWCD GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE:** The conference will be held September 14-15, 2017 at the Airport Marriott in Bloomington. If any supervisor wishes to attend we need to have reservations in by August 28, 2017.

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

**SIGNING WATER MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS:** At the Water Management Task Force meeting there was concern expressed about the time between someone signing a cost share/incentive application and SWCD board approval. BWSR board conservationist indicated that the board can authorize staff to sign these applications. Motion by Carter, second by Plaetz to authorize District Administrator to sign water management applications and report applications at the board meeting following the approval. Motion carried.

**TOUR:** When County Commissioners discussed the possibility of the tour of conservation work in the county they indicated September 6, 2017 starting at 8:00 a.m. would work best for them. They also offered the possible use of the Veteran's Van. Board authorized the planning of the tour with a lunch at the end. Will also work on scheduling the rainfall simulator. Staff will keep commissioners and supervisors informed of planning.

**2018 REVISED BUDGET:** There had to be several revisions to the 2018 budget the board approved at the July 2017 board meeting. Motion by Timm, second by Plaetz to adopt the revised 2018 budget. Motion carried. Budget will be presented to county commissioners August 15, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.

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#### **REPORTS:**

Kurt Mathiowetz entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

*Water Quality Technician:* Mathiowetz 1) Water Quality Certification Program – working with approximately 20 individuals, of which 16 will be certified. Had chair sign the incentive payment forms for three individuals. 2) Working with Pfarr on Best Management Practices.

Kurt Mathiowetz left the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

*District Administrator – Bernhardson* 1) Met with the City of Belview on possible project. 2) Wrote Farmfest article, worked on and set up Farmfest booth. 3) Buffers. 4) Sent requests to groups and companies in Redwood County asking for donations for environmental fair. 5) Working on CREP applications. To date our office has submitted 19 to BWSR. Have not been notified as to which ones have been funded. 6) Writing new/updated RIM plans. 7) Re-worked 2018 Budget. 8) Attended last LSOHC meeting. 9) Buffer meeting was well attended. Working with individuals on cost share and extension requests. To date have approved three cost share applications, approved one extension request and denied one extension request. 10) Held a Water Management Task Force Meeting. 11) MCIT's dividend for 2017 is \$1,633.

Potter turned the meeting over to Cater at 9:19 a.m. and Potter left the meeting.

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

*County Commissioner:* Groebner – 1) Interviewing 3 individuals for highway engineer. 2) Sound likes there will be a new agreement for Farmfest.

Brian Pfarr entered the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

*Resource Specialist:* 1) Lack of funding sources make it difficult to fund many of the best management projects. 2) Several best management projects to get installed before freeze up. 3) Working on transferring my JAA and TAA approval to the new format. 4) Working on several issues that have occurred on old RIM contracts. 5) Approximately 11,000 acres of cover crops will be established in the county. About 60% are being done now without a program.

Brian Pfarr left the meeting and Shannon Gegner entered the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

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

Shannon Gegner left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular board meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on September 6, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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Supervisor