

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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APRIL 10, 2019 MINUTES

The Redwood County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at 8:37 A.M. in the Conference Room in the Ag Service Center, Redwood Falls, MN.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Supervisors Jeff Potter, Kristen Tauer, and Brian Timm. Also present were County Commissioner Dennis Groebner, County Administrator Vicki Knobloch, BWSR Board Conservationist Jeremy Maul, NRCS District Conservationist Shannon Gegner; County Environmental Director/SWCD Administrator Scott Wold, Deputy Administrator Tyler Christensen, Conservation Specialist Kristy Zajac, Water Quality Technician Kurt Mathiowetz, and Resource Specialist Brian Pfarr. Present via telephone was Supervisor Ed Carter.

ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Timm, second by Tauer, the board unanimously approved the agenda as written.

MINUTES

On motion by Timm, second by Tauer, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Negative Report

FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTING UPDATE

The Monthly Checks Written, Cash Asset Accounts, and Deposit reports from the current year were presented by Wold and discussed amongst those present.

BILLS PAYABLE

On motion by Timm, second by Tauer, the Board unanimously approved the bills payable from February 13, 2019 through April 10, 2019.

STATE OF MN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

On motion by Timm, second by Tauer, the Board unanimously approved the State of MN Joint Powers Agreement for the local administration of the Walk-In Access Program for conservation program contracts.

CENEX CREDIT CARD

The board members acknowledged the transition from the Cenex fleet charge cards to Redwood County's gas cards.

BANK SIGNATORIES

The Minnwest Bank Account Approved Signatories Form was reviewed. Timm and Tauer signed their portions to require two signatures for each check.

SWCD/COUNTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS:

On motion by Timm, second by Tauer, the Board unanimously approved BWSR's proposed changes to the Cooperative Agreement, as presented by Plaetz.

UNIVERSITY of MINNESOTA RESIDUE RESEARCH AGREEMENT

On motion by Timm, second by Tauer, the board unanimously approved the subject agreement for the SWCD to assist the educational institution with conducting field residue research.

SWWC SERVICES CONTRACT

Wold explained the proposed transition from the SWWC IT Server, to Redwood County's Server. The Board acknowledged the proposed action.

EXCESS PROPERTY

On motion by Timm, second by Tauer, the Board unanimously declared the surplus items listed on the agenda as surplus property.

REPORTS:

Gegner: See Attachment A.

Zajac: Several easements have been in the processing stage, with several administrative process improvements being implemented. Vendor lists have been updated.

Mathiowetz: The 2019 County Water Plan Meeting was a success with approximately 20 people in attendance. Four Ag BMP Loans were processed. The Water Quality Certification Program has been successful.

RCRCA: Negative Report.

Groeber: Negative Report.

Legislative Update Day: Potter discussed the day. He sat in on committee sessions and saw positive results for the future funding. He met with the Legislators and discussed the possibility of a SWCD tax levy. Sen. Gary Dahms figured that the funding should come out of the Clean Water Fund.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is planned for May 08, 2019 at 8:30 A.M. in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

ADJOURNMENT

Potter called the meeting to adjournment at 9:42 a.m.

Board Member

Date

ATTACHMENT A



United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS DC Report

April 10, 2019 Redwood County SWCD Board Meeting

Submitted by: Shannon Gegner

- CSP-Renewals- At a standstill with the new Farmbill. Renewals were not authorized so the active renewals we have right now are being offered contract extensions. There is no information on what will be at the end of the extension.
- CSP sign-up announced, Apps are due May 10th.
- We currently have 15 per=approved/approved EQIP applications. Will be obligating them soon.
- Jon Weidemann, the new Soil Conservation Tech started March 18th.
- Local Workgroup Meeting was held yesterday. We had a great turnout -19 total attendants.
- Troy Daniell (MN State Conservationist), Jon Matz (ASTC-FO), Jon and I meet with the Lower Sioux council on March 26th. It was a great government to government meeting.

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