

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD
130 SOUTHGATE DRIVE
AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Roger Vogt, Chair. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

Roger Vogt, Chair
Tom Fasteland, Vice Chair
Bob Roseberg, Treasurer
Bob Janzen, Secretary
Frank Turnock, Reporter
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist
Maggie Leach, MN BWSR
Jessica Seibert, Aitkin County Administrator

Those absent were:

Lori Nelson, District Secretary

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the March 21, 2017 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to accept the March financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

There was a question re: purchase of the drill for \$10,160. Background was given on the drill. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve checks written. Approved unanimously.

JESSICA SEIBERT/AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Discussion county building, bonding process, petition to delay or stop the building, security issues.

ZACH SKWIRA /BUFFER SPECIALIST

Zach will start May 1, 2017 as Buffer Specialist and other tasks.

MAYA SCHNEIDER/CONSERVATION CORPS

Maya will be starting on May 22, 2016.

NOTICE OF WATER PLAN UPDATE

The notice of the Water Plan update has been sent to adjoining counties and water management organizations.

AIS UPDATE

AIS Inspectors have been hired by Employment Resource Center (a total of 26 inspectors so far). Discussion re: would a decon unit be available for ATV rallies?

NEW NO-TILL DRILL

Discussion re: new no-till drill. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve checking in to the high speed hubs. What experience has Truax had with high speed bearings? Approved unanimously.

UNIVERSITY OF MN/ECOFOOTPRINT, FLEMING LAKE

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the payment of \$3393.43 to University of MN. Approved unanimously.

NEW NO-TILL DRILL

Phone calls were made to approve the purchase of the drill. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the phone drill approval (\$10,160-\$2800, trade-in on old drill). Approved unanimously.

OTHER

AREA III RESOLUTION MEETING

Lori will mail out information re: Area III meeting when we receive it.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Mitch Lundeen along with Dan Steward presented at the Snake River meeting on easements or SFIA.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Discussion re: Carlton-Aitkin project and Crow Wing project.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached report)

-5000 newsletters were sent out to Big Sandy Watershed

-Contractor Workshop was held

-Discussion re: Shoreland Incentive—similar to SFIA. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to support Mille Lacs resolution. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

Discussion.

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (Jake Granfors)

-RIM – Mississippi Headwaters Board Easement ranking meeting, four approved for Aitkin. One wild rice easement being processed now. A wild rice meeting will be held on April 25.

-A mailing for easements was sent out to 15 landowners.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report)

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to support a Phase II AIG grant. Steve and Mitch to pursue. Approved unanimously.

BWSR REPORT (Maggie Leach)

Buffer program and alternative practices were discussed. The BWSR 6-pack is on the website alternative practices, election of jurisdiction, to BWSR Board, at least 60 days prior to when we will enforce it, ordinance, and also policies.

BWSR Academy is November 1-3, 2017 at Cragun's.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary