

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, May 17, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Bob Janzen, Chair. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

Bob Janzen, Chair
Frank Turnock, Secretary
Carla Gillson, Treasurer
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary
Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist

Those absent were:

Roger Vogt, Vice Chair
Bob Roseberg, Reporter

Additions to the agenda:

- Pheasants Forever Agreement
- Bill for trees/\$2617
- Raise \$ amount from \$1500-\$3000 2 signatures on checks
- Carla Gillson, Supervisor resignation
- Tom Fasteland, Supervisor appointment

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve the agenda with additions. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve the April 19, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. First ½ of 2016 AIS dollars should be coming in July. A motion was made by Carla Gillson and seconded by Frank Turnock to accept the April financial statement. Approved unanimously.

Bob Roseberg arrived.

CHECKS WRITTEN

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve checks written. Approved unanimously.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI (GRAND RAPIDS) WATERSHED RESTORATION & PROTECTION STRATEGY (WRAPS)

Update on WRAPS. Scott Lucas is the new Coordinator for WRAPS. Maggie Leach is the new BWSR Board Conservationist.

PERSONNEL POLICY

Steve has nothing to report on the personnel policy.

BUFFER DISCUSSION

BILLS OVER \$1500

THE OFFICE SHOP/\$4113.62

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve payment of \$4113.62 to the Office Shop for a new copier. Approved unanimously.

HUGH HEINECKE, CPA/\$2180

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$2180 to Hugh Heinecke, CPA. Approved unanimously.

PHEASANTS FOREVER/\$11,247.60

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve payment of \$11,247.60 to Pheasants Forever. Approved unanimously.

RAINFOREST ALLIANCE/\$4839

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve payment of \$4839 to Rainforest Alliance. Approved unanimously.

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MN/\$2179.04

A motion was made by Carla Gillson and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$2179.04 to Regents of the University of MN that had been paid. Approved unanimously.

STATE FOREST TREE NURSERY

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve payment of \$2617 to State Forest Tree Nursery. Approved unanimously.

COST-SHARE PROJECT APPLICATIONS TO APPROVE

JEAN & KEN GARRISON/PRAIRIE LAKE, BIG SANDY 319 GRANT, \$4750

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Jean & Ken Garrison, 50% not to exceed \$4750 whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

DALE NOYED/BIG SANDY LAKE, BIG SANDY 319 GRANT, \$436

A motion was made by Carla Gillson and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share contract for Dale Noyed, 50% not to exceed \$436 whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

LINDA KILLBOURNE/BIG SANDY LAKE, \$1763

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to approve a cost-share contract for Linda Killbourne, 50% not to exceed \$1763 whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

FILING FOR SWCD SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES 5/17-5/31/16

Filing for SWCD Supervisor is May 17-May 31, 2016. Frank Turnock, Bob Janzen and Bob Roseberg are up for re-election.

CARLA GILLSON RESIGNATION

Carla Gillson resignation effective May 17, 2016.

TOM FASTELAND/SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to appoint Tom Fasteland as the new District I Supervisor. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to pay Tom Fasteland for the May 17, 2016 SWCD Board meeting. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to nominate Bob Roseberg as the Treasurer. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Carla Gillson to nominate Tom Fasteland as the Reporter. Approved unanimously.

2 SIGNATURES ON CHECKS/RAISE FROM \$1500-3000

A motion was made by Carla Gillson and seconded by Bob Roseberg to require two signatures on checks written \$3,000 and over. Approved unanimously.

PHEASANTS FOREVER/FARM BILL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Grant is July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant. Approved unanimously.

Jake gave an update on RIM Easements and EQIP Applications.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Project update.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Conservation Corp Caitlyn Ryan will be starting on Monday, May 23, 2016. She is a college student going into Natural Resources. She will get to work on a variety of projects throughout the summer. The program runs through the middle of August.

AIS REPORT

The inspectors attended a meeting at the SWCD office and received their equipment for the upcoming summer. Steve asked Conservation Officers to come in and speak to the group. Four Conservation Officers attended the meeting. The 2016 AIS Inspections started last weekend (Fishing Opener). 21-22 inspectors were out for the weekend. Steve Hughes was at the decontamination unit at Willey's (Sat. & Sun.).

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached report)

BRAINERD (WRAPS) meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Northland Arboretum from 4-7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report)

Scott reviewed the Mutual Agreement between NRCS and SWCD with the SWCD Board.

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

Mitch is not here today but left a report to be handed out to the SWCD Board.

AREA III RESOLUTION MEETING/JUNE 3, 2016

The Area III resolution meeting will be held Friday, June 3, 2016 at the Carlton County Transportation Building from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Frank Turnock, Bob Roseberg, Bob Janzen and Tom Fasteland will attend. We will check with Roger and see if he will be attending.

A thank you to Carla was given for serving on the Aitkin County SWCD Board.

The next SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock
Secretary