

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, October 18, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Bob Janzen, Chair.

Those attending were:

Bob Janzen, Chair
Roger Vogt, Vice Chair
Bob Roseberg, Treasurer
Frank Turnock, Secretary
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary
Dennis Thompson, District Forester
Mitchell Lundeen, North Region Forester
Jake Granfors, Pheasants Forever
Maggie Leach, MN BWSR Board Conservationist

Those absent were:

Tom Fasteland, Reporter
Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist

Additions to the agenda:

-Area III meeting

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the agenda with an addition. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the September 20, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the September financial statement. Approved unanimously.

Roger Vogt arrived.

CHECKS WRITTEN

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve checks written. Approved unanimously.

AREA III MEETING (Bob Roseberg)

Good meeting. Re-elected same officers for 2017. Gave an update of tour and projects. Some of the business meeting discussion included District Capacity \$ and what it was being used for by other districts.

FALL SWCD TOUR

After our board meeting and lunch today we will tour some projects (Long Lake Conservation Center (erosion control project) and Fleming Lake (floating islands) both Ecofootprint Grants and Gun Lake Potato Farm (soil health discussion and see rainfall simulator in action).

HUGH HEINCKE, CPA/2015 AUDIT

No letter has been received yet from Hugh Heinecke, CPA re: 2015 audit.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Discussion.

AREA III 7 AREA VIII BILLING SWCD's FOR NORTH REGION FORESTER

Looking to the future we have about three years of funding for AIG forester position in Aitkin and northern MN. Steve & Mitch will be putting a letter together for districts in Area III and Area VIII. At this time a dollar amount for each district to contribute hasn't been decided. Steve would like to attend the next forestry meeting.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE STATE AUDITOR

Questionnaire about BWSR and how they implement CWF etc. was sent out. Steve did this questionnaire and sent it in.

COST-SHARE UPDATE

Dam Lake-Still in the works, haven't talked with anyone for awhile.

ST. CROIX PROJECT RESOLUTION UPDATE

Last month signed resolution to work on this, still some discussion taking place.

BILLS OVER \$3000

CROW WING SWCD

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$3000 to Crow Wing SWCD. Approved unanimously.

UNIVERSITY OF MN, FLEMING LAKE, ECOFOOTPRINT/\$17,872.73

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$17,872.73 to University of MN for the Fleming Lake project. Approved unanimously.

COST-SHARE AMENDMENT/HAYLAND WOODS, MN SHOREWORK (ECOFOOTPRINT GRANT)

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share amendment for Hayland Woods/MN Shoreworks, 75% of \$5435, error in estimate given. Approved unanimously.

HAYLAND WOODS, ECOFOOTPRINT GRANT/\$16,532.96

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment of \$16532.96. Approved unanimously.

MN SHOREWORKS, ECOFOOTPRINT GRANT/\$31584.75

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$31,584.75. Approved unanimously.

DAVE & DOROTHY CASEY, SPIRIT LAKE, ECOFOOTPRINT/\$2136.94

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment of \$2136.94 to Dave & Dorothy Casey. Approved unanimously.

BIG PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION/2015 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, 2016 COST-SHARE, ECOFOOTPRINT/\$14362.30

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$14362.30 to the Big Pine Lake Association. Approved unanimously.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Meeting was held at Long Lake Conservation Center last month, not a huge turnout and not a lot of business right now, working on a few projects. There will be no meeting in October.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report in folder)

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT

- State meeting held at McQuoid's Inn
- Easement inspections
- EQIP deadline
- Site visits
- Toolkit Training
- Wild Rice Easements

NORTH REGION FORESTER (see attached report)

Meeting adjourned at 11:30, lunch at Long Lake Conservation Center. Tour after lunch.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock
Secretary