

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, March 21, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Roger Vogt, Chair. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

Those absent were:

Roger Vogt, Chair  
Tom Fasteland, Vice Chair  
Bob Roseberg, Treasurer  
Bob Janzen, Secretary  
Frank Turnock, Reporter  
Steve Hughes, District Manager  
Lori Nelson, District Secretary  
Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist  
Maggie Leach, MN BWSR

Additions to the agenda:

-Bills over \$3,000  
    MHB (AIS), \$15,000  
    Pheasants Forever, \$14,397.36  
-Lobbying

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

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the February 21, 2017, minutes. Approved unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to accept the February financial statement. Approved unanimously.

#### CHECKS WRITTEN

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

#### PAY EQUITY COMPLIANCE

Pay Equity Report was completed and a certificate was sent back and needs to be put on an official bulletin board.

American Peat tour is at 1:00 p.m.

VEHICLE REPORT UPDATE (see attached report)

#### CAPACITY FUNDING FOR 2017

Capacity funding for \$122,750 was received for 2017. Funding for 2016 was \$120,000.

#### BWSR RECONCILIATION COMING UP

No reconciliation will be coming up at this time.

#### CROW WING/AITKIN PROJECT

Discussion re: project with Crow Wing. This is a project Mitch will be working with-subcontract for Mitch's time, not sure of \$ amount.

#### CARLTON/AITKIN PROJECT

County wide forest stewardship planning for conservation easements-just information at this time, possibly a Lessard Sam's application—would have to run through Bill Penning at BWSR. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to go ahead with this project if it's all okay with everyone involved. Approved unanimously.

#### BILLS OVER \$3,000

#### MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD/\$15,000/AIS

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$15,000 to Mississippi Headwaters Board. Approved unanimously.

## PHEASANTS FOREVER/\$14,397.36

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$14,397.36 to Pheasants Forever. Approved unanimously.

## FSC AUDIT RESULTS

Dennis will cover in his report.

## COST-SHARE CONTRACTS TO APPROVE

### JOHN & MARILYN ANDERSON/MILLE LACS, SMITH LAKE/\$2918.30

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share contract for John & Marilyn Anderson for \$2918.30, total not to exceed 50 percent of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Approved unanimously.

## BIG PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share contract for Big Pine Lake Association for \$7294, total not to exceed 75 percent of the total cost to establish the conservation practice pending receiving a signed contract. Approved unanimously.

## RESOLUTION/MILLE LACS LAKE WATERSHED COORDINATOR

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Janzen to sign the resolution for the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Coordinator position. Approved unanimously.

## LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER (LLCC) SUMMER CAMPS

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to approve \$450 to Long Lake Conservation Center (\$150 for each school in Aitkin County—Aitkin, McGregor, and Hill City) if possible and would like Long Lake Conservation Center to report back to Aitkin County SWCD and tell how it was used. Approved unanimously.

## LOBBYING

Frank Turnock gave an update on lobbying.

#### SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Peggy Jones attended the Snake River meeting and gave a presentation on possible new peat mining.

Update on projects (livestock exclusion and shoreland projects)

#### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Water Planning meeting was held last week. Resolution to update the Water Plan. Dan Steward/Mitch Brinks made a presentation.

Interviews for the buffer position will be held Friday, March 24, 2017

#### TSA COMMITTEE

Steve Hughes is on a TSA Committee. He updated the Board on this Committee. There has been two meetings in St. Paul, about 30 or so are on the Committee. They are looking at service delivery, funding, etc., well run meetings. Information has been gathered throughout the state.

#### DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

Update on the FSC audit. It has been ten years for the FSC group.

#### FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (Jake Granfors)

-Update on brush mowing projects. Not all the projects were completed. Carlton has four projects to be completed next year and Aitkin has one project to be completed next year.

-Conservation Easement update. One new application, three MHB agreements have been signed, meeting tomorrow to rank. Four other expressed strong interest.

-Pheasant Fest was held over 30,000 people came through.

-DNR Burn Refresher Course was taken.

## NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

Questionnaire for supervisors to do that are in the forestry association and needs to be back before May 5, 2017. A subcommittee will look at before the May 18, Forestry Association meeting.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to table until the April SWCD meeting. Approved unanimously.

Discussion re: applying for another CWF grant to get another grant or extension before forestry funding runs out. \$260,000 will go for awhile.

## MAGGIE LEACH/BWSR REPORT

- Update on buffer bill
- BWSR Board update

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen  
Secretary

