

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, September 20, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Bob Janzen, Chair.

Those attending were:

Those absent were:

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

Additions to the agenda:

- Maggie Leach, MN BWSR
- Pheasants Forever, 2 bills
- Request for funding—Area III & Area VIII, 16 districts
- MCIT Representative

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

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve the August 16, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

## PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE

Discussion.

## JENNIFER MALEITZKE/ENBRIDGE

Update on Line 3 Replacement Project and Eco-Footprint Grant (handouts were given out). There will be one more opportunity to apply for an Eco-Footprint Grant (Dec. 2016-Jan. 2017).

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM 2016

There were 22-28 inspectors for the summer and coordination with DNR was good.

## 2017 SWCD LEVY RESOLUTION

Discussion. It would be a way to count on a certain \$ amount from the county year to year. Steve is thinking this can be done through Water Planning. Maggie Leach will check on this.

## 2017 SWCD BUDGET

Discussion.

## 2017 AIS PROGRAM

Planning on keeping the AIS program about the same for 2017 as was done in 2016. One change that was made was lake association grant applications were sent out earlier for 2017.

## COST-SHARE PROJECT UPDATES

-Fleming Lake-Steve Hughes showed a couple of videos re: floating islands. Plants were planted into the islands, 2 days of installation. Steve Hughes helped with this project. It was an Enbridge Grant, University of MN project.

-Long Lake Conservation Center-A planting project was completed at Long Lake Conservation Center, showed pictures. This was also an Enbridge Grant.

Both projects were in the Aitkin Independent Age and Steve showed the paper with pictures and articles.

-Dam Lake (road on north side)-Design is ready. Permitting was happening. Steve Hughes hasn't talked to landowners for awhile.

## NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Nate is gone and Pat Wussow is filling in as Aitkin County Administrator until someone is hired.

## ST. CROIX PROJECT RESOLUTION

Discussion re: a Joint Resolution for cooperation in St. Croix Basin reinvest in MN Healthy Watershed Protection Programs (Aitkin, Carlton, Kanabec, Pine & Mille Lacs SWCD). A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to sign the St. Croix Project Resolution. Approved unanimously.

## ENGINEERING NEEDS/AREA 8

Update on engineering. Steve thinks this is going to happen just working through the process for it to happen.

## 2015 AUDIT NEEDED

Steve informed the SWCD Board with the \$ amount we are receiving yearly audits are required. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to authorize a 2015 audit. Approved unanimously.

## SWCD VEHICLE REPORT

A vehicle report was handed out. A request is into replace jeep with a small pickup or SUV.

## MAGGIE LEACH/MN BWSR

- District Capacity
- BWSR Academy is the end of October
- NRBG is coming
- Buffer Program Reporting Requirement. Buffer Cat, new application by January 1, 2017, GIS based, BWSR supported just being sent out now. By January 1,

2017 have to go in and answer yes it exists, no it does not. County needs to make a decision by March 1, 2017 with Buffer program. If county doesn't take it on then BWSR will take on enforcement.

-Clean Water Fund Applications are sent in, office scoring in October and will be acted upon at the December Board meeting.

#### PHEASANTS FOREVER (2 BILLS)

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to approve two bills for Pheasants Forever (\$11,247.60 (4/1-6/30/16) & \$3469 (7/1/15-6/30/16). Approved unanimously.

#### SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

The Snake River meeting will be held in Aitkin County on September 26, 2016 at Long Lake Conservation Center. A tour will be held (Fleming Lake & Long Lake Conservation Center).

#### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT (No report)

#### MCIT REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCED

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

-Tour of cost-share projects was held. Floe International donated the use of their new FloeCraft.

-Thursday, October 6 there will be a Buckthorn Control Workshop in Onamia.

-Wednesday, October 19 Sarah Fogderud, A.W. Research will be sharing results of the aquatic vegetation surveys on Big Pine & Round Lakes 6:30 p.m. at the Hazelton Town Hall.

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

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve Dennis Thompson to attend the Deer Advisory Committee meetings and asked that Dennis report back to the SWCD Board as what is happening. Approved unanimously.

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

#### NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

Mitch explained a project he has been working on (MN DNR BMP Project with NIPF Landowners-reached out to 186 landowners, \$40 per contact, Invoice for \$7400 was sent out.

## LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER/ECOFOOTPRINT ENBRIDGE GRANT

An error was found on the bill for \$ 5435. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to pay the amount of the error using District Capacity \$. Approved unanimously.

The next SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at Long Lake Conservation Center at 9:00 a.m. After lunch we will have a tour (Long Lake Conservation Center, Fleming Lake, & Gun Lake Potato Farm).

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Frank Turnock to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock  
Secretary