

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 19, 2017 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Roger Vogt, Chair. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those present were:

Those absent were:

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

Addition to the agenda:

-MFA Dues

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the agenda with an addition. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the August 15, 2017 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

OLD BUSINESS

Frank Turnock and Steve Hughes attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Long Lake Conservation Center on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

TIM TERRILL/MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD

-Power Point Presentation.

JENNIFER MAKITZKE/ENBRIDGE

-Power Point Presentation

-Ecofootprint Project Update

-Enbridge Ecofootprint Steering Team will be having a field tour on Friday, October 6, 2017. They will tour Fleming Lake.

BUFFER ORDINANCE

On September 12, 2017, the Buffer Ordinance came before the County Board for adoption.

The Buffer Ordinance addresses the requirement of the State. There was no opposition at the Public Hearing. It was adopted on September 12, 2017.

RODGER NARLOCH/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Rodger Narloch, \$1312.50 total not to exceed 75% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Approved unanimously.

AIS BUCKET WATER GRANT/MN INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Discussion.

ONE WATERSHED/ONE PLAN RUM RIVER/MILLE LACS WATERSHED

Discussion.

THANK YOU'S MAYA SCHNEIDER & AITKIN FOOD SHELF

Steve Hughes shared the thank you's that were received from Maya Schneider and Aitkin Food Shelf.

EXTENSION OF THE WATER PLAN DEADLINE

This is the third extension—extended to August 2022. With getting further and further into WRAPS, the Water Plan update would be a duplicate to WRAPS. Maps can be an addendum to the current Water Plan and be added to the website. The County Board approved the extension.

Maggie Leach retired. Erin Loeffler will take the place of Maggie Leach until they find a replacement.

BILLS OVER \$3000

CROW WING SWCD

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$3355 to Crow Wing SWCD. Approved unanimously.

UNIVERSITY OF MN/FLEMING

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of \$5334.39 to the University of MN. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to invite Enbridge to lunch at Long Lake Conservation Center when they tour Fleming Lake on October 6, 2017. Approved unanimously.

MIKE RUZAK/COST-SHARE AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve a cost-share amendment for Mike Ruyak to extend project to July 1, 2018. Approved unanimously.

BARBARA KELLEY/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT, \$1482.50/ BIG SANDY 319

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Barbara Kelley, \$1482.50 total not to exceed 50% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Approved unanimously.

MISSISSIPPI WRAPS, BRAINERD/PHASE II CONTRACT/SUBCONTRACT

Data has been gathered and now need to put it into a plan—starting to move into Phase II. RESPEC is the contractor. Subcontract was put together with timelines, etc. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to enter into the subcontract with RESPEC. Approved unanimously. There is a meeting next week re: Brainerd WRAP and will go through the contract.

MFA DUES

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to pay \$75 for MFA dues. Approved unanimously.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Bob didn't attend the meeting. Steve Hughes sent Teresa a project idea for Chris Moser, no cost estimate just pictures.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Steve Hughes showed the SWCD Board the 2017 AIS summary.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached report)

AITKIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION DAY

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve \$100 to the Aitkin County Environmental Services for Environmental Education Day. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report)

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (Jake Granfors)

- Easement update
- New computer

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (see attached report)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary