

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD
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AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were:

Those absent were:

Tom Fasteland, Chair
Frank Turnock, Vice Chair
Bob Roseberg, Treasurer
Bob Janzen, Secretary
Roger Vogt, Reporter
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary
Chris Pence, MN BWSR Board Conservationist

Additions to the agenda:

- City of McGregor. Feasibility Study Project Update & Billing Request
- Mary Roy, Mille Lacs Lake Cost-Share Project Proposal
- Bob Freemore, Long Lake Cost-Share Project Proposal

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 Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the April 17, 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Janzen to accept the April financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

AIS UPDATE

Steve shared the article in the Newshopper and showed the bait bags and gave an update on the AIS inspectors, bait bag program, etc.

TABLETS & PHONE OPTIONS

Tablets are here. Steve put the phone and internet on hold, prices went up and has some questions with the internet etc.

CITY OF MCGREGOR/PROJECT UPDATE/BILLING REQUEST

Janet gave an update on the City of McGregor project. The project is moving forward. WSB did a presentation for the McGregor City Council.

Discussion of making partial payments for this project. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve authorizing partial payments to the City of McGregor. Approved unanimously.

SARA HOCKLEY/CONSERVATION CORPS

Sara Hockley will start on Monday, May 21, 2018.

ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN/RUM RIVER

Jessica Seibert, Aitkin County Administrator and Steve Hughes attended a meeting in Mille Lacs County re: One Watershed One Plan/Rum River. Steve Hughes will be attending the County Board meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 giving the County Board an update on One Watershed One Plan/Rum River and an AIS update.

AREA III RESOLUTIONS MEETING/JUNE 6, 2018

The Area III Resolutions meeting will be on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 in Carlton. Frank Turnock, Bob Roseberg and Bob Janzen will be attending.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

No meeting in May. The next meeting will be the 4th Tuesday in June.

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

Filing period is May 22-June 5, 2018. Tom Fasteland and Roger Vogt are up for re-election.

TREES/SHRUBS/PLANTS

Trees and shrubs will be available for pickup May 17-18, 2018. Plants will be available for pickup May 24-25, 2018.

POSSIBLE 53 LAKE PROJECT

Discussion. Meeting was held last week re: 53 Lake Project, time is short, interest not very high maybe look into for next year.

FLEMING LAKE ISLANDS/2018 PLANS

Steve was out to check on the Fleming Lake Islands. University of MN has plans for the summer. They will be at the Rivers and Lakes Fair. Good data so far. There is some discussion about landowners on the lake adopting an island.

2018 SUMMER PROJECT DATES

Steve handed out a list of some of the 2018 summer project dates.

MARY ROY/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT/LAKESIDE TWP. MILLE LACS CWP

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Mary Roy, cost-sharing not to exceed \$2504 or 75% of the total eligible cost whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

BOB FREEMAN/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT/LONG LAKE/GLEN TWP./CISCO TULLIBEE LAKE

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Bob Freeman, cost-sharing not to exceed \$1687.50 or 75% of the total eligible cost-share whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached)

MARK WOLD/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

Steve discussed a project for Mark Wold with the SWCD Board. No cost estimate at this time, will try and get a cost-estimate and go from there. No decision to make until photos and cost estimate come in. Funding could come from District Capacity or regular cost-share.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report)

Scott Kittleson was absent. Report was handed out.

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

Mitch Lundeen was absent. Report was handed out.

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (see attached report)

BOARD CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (Chris Pence)

-1W1P

-BWSR Academy/Breezy Point, Oct. 29-31, 2018

-Pine River 1W1P, 45 people attended the meeting. There will be an Advisory Policy Committee meeting in Backus on May 30, 2018.

-FY 19 Local Capacity Grant—when is it the best time to receive it?

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Roger Vogt to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary

