

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 20, 2018 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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  
Kurt Beckstrom, MASWCD President  
Bob Hoefert, Area III Director  
Chris Pence, MN BWSR Board Conservationist

Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist

Addition to the agenda:

-New Office Space/Courthouse

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

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the February 20, 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. Approximately \$104,000 (next 40%) AIG Forestry Grant will be coming, also \$26,000 District Capacity 18 Amendment. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to accept the February financial statement. Approved unanimously.

#### CHECKS WRITTEN

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

#### MASWCD DUES/KURT BECKSTROM & BOB HOEFERT

An update of MASWCD was given. Any questions or concerns regarding MASWCD. Discussion.

Kurt Beckstrom and Bob Hoefert left to attend another meeting.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to remove MASWCD dues from the table and discuss. Approved unanimously.

Discussion.

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Roger Vogt to pay the 2018 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$3044.98. It was a tie vote broke by the Chair (3 Yes, 2 No). Approved.

#### OFFICE SPACE/COURTHOUSE

Discussion. Steve was asked to continue to have office space discussions with Jessica Seibert, Aitkin County Administrator.

#### CHRIS PENCE ARRIVED

#### CHRIS PENCE, MN BWSR BOARD CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

- Updates from BWSR
- All e-link reports went well and all are completed.
- District Capacity 18 work plan was completed.
- One Watershed One Plan/Rum River Agreement, encouraging MOU's to be adopted now.
- BBR (Biannual Budget Review). This is a requirement of MN BWSR every couple of years telling BWSR what projects you would like to do along with dollars.
- Job Approval Authority/Ind. Development Plan

#### REQUEST APPROVAL TO PAY FOR AIS BAGS/\$6000

Steve continues to work on getting the AIS bags ordered. \$10,000 total. Cost continues to increase but still in the budget. A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the first half \$5,000 and second ½ on delivery of the bags. Approved unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION FOR FORESTRY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE DELIVERY

A copy of the resolution was handed out. Discussion. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the Forestry Resolution. Approved unanimously.

#### REVIEW 2017 DEFERRED REVENUE

Steve Hughes reviewed the 2017 Deferred Revenue with the SWCD Board.

#### BILLS OVER 3,000

#### RAINFOREST ALLIANCE

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$3130 to Rainforest Alliance. Approved unanimously.

#### DAN BANDT/NEW OWNER OF THE BUILDING

Dan Bandt, Bogland Investments, LLC is the new owner of the Ag Service Center building.

#### RECONCILIATION PROCESS/AIG FORESTRY

Reconciliation has been complete for the AIG Forestry Grant and went well.

#### WALTER JORGENSEN/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT, DISTRICT CAPACITY 17

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve \$750 in cost-share assistance, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs to Walter Jorgensen. Approved unanimously.

#### MIKE RUZAK/COST-SHARE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve a Cost-Share Contract Amendment, new cost share amount \$2232.44, cost-share rate to stay at 50% for Mike Ruzak. Approved unanimously.

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

- Grant Application
- Educational items
- Projects are starting to pick up.
- Mille Lacs Watershed, dollars need to be spent before the end of June

Question brought up as to how many dollars brought into the County from Big Sandy since it started (1991).

#### SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

- Project Grant Update (End of 2018, grant end date)
- Rum River/One Watershed One Plan
- Landowner Project, Steve Hughes will be on the Snake River agenda for Monday, March 26, 2018 to discuss landowner project.

Steve updated the SWCD Board on another vehicle that was received from the County (2004 Ford Escape). The next vehicle to be returned in the future will be the 09 Impala and we wouldn't ask for another vehicle to replace it when it is returned.

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

Dennis is on vacation.

#### DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT

Scott is absent today but report was handed out. Frank Turnock updated the SWCD Board on the Civil Rights Review he was a part of on March 14, 2018.

Local Work Group will meet Tuesday, April 17, 2018 after the SWCD Board meeting.

#### FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (No report)

Jake is in Carlton today.

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (Mitch Lundeen)

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (Shannon Westerlund)

The next Aitkin County SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Ag Service Center at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen  
Secretary