

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, August 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order by Roger Vogt, Chair. Meeting was called to order by Roger Vogt, Chair.

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

Additions to the agenda:

- MCIT Insurance/Dividend
- Area III Annual
- Cost-Share Project for Review/Ken & Jean Garrison/Prairie Lake
- Bill over \$3000/Crow Wing SWCD \$4020

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

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the July 18, 2017 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT/JUNE & JULY 2017

Discussion.

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to accept the June financial statement. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to accept the July financial statement. Approved unanimously.

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

CONSERVATION CORP WRAP-UP

Maya Schneider's last day was Friday, August 11, 2017. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to send a thank you letter to Long Lake Conservation Center. Approved unanimously.

BILL OVER \$3000/UNIVERSITY OF MN/FLEMING

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment to the University of MN for \$3591.05. Approved unanimously.

RODGER NARLOCH/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

No \$ amount to approve yet. No motion at this time.

AIS BAIT BUCKET WATER GRANT/MN INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Grant application was sent in-great reviews. Steve and Maya went to DNR/St. Paul and were interviewed. The grant application was approved, \$32,000 a year, 10,000 bags, provide incentive to the bait shop (.50) and to the angler (.50) or \$1 off any artificial bait in the store. Steve will be starting on the work plan for this grant in the next couple of weeks.

"OTHER WATERS" RESOLUTION & MAP

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and second by Frank Turnock to approve the resolution as read. Approved unanimously.

ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN RUM RIVER (MILLE LACS WATERSHED)

Jessica Seibert and Steve Hughes attended a meeting in Mille Lacs County with Water Plan Coordinators and Administrators re: discussion One Watershed One Plan Rum River. It's a good time to apply for Mille Lacs dollars to lead or one of the counties with a bigger stake in it—something to happen possibly by the end

of the year. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to support Mille Lacs County taking the lead. Approved unanimously.

2016 CAPACITY \$ FOR COST-SHARE \$122,000

We have until 2018 to spend 2016 Capacity \$. Discussion using 2016 Capacity \$ for cost-share. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve up to \$20,000 from 2016 District Capacity \$ to be used on cost-share projects. Approved unanimously.

2018 BUDGET

Steve showed the SWCD Board what is given to the County Board re: SWCD Budget.

AREA III ANNUAL MEETING/SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2017

The Area III Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 20-21, 2017.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

The Snake River meeting was held at the Glen Kimberly Town Hall, also toured the Peat Plant in Rossburg. A shoreland restoration project in Aitkin County was approved.

CROW WING SWCD/MISSISSIPPI BRAINERD WRAPS

Not ready for payment yet-has to be sorted out.

KARI PAULSEN, WILKINS LAKE/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT/FY 17 COST-SHARE

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Kari Paulsen, \$2038 not to exceed 50%. Approved. Bob Janzen abstained.

LINDA BOALS/COST-SHARE PAYMENT/BIG SANDY 319

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share payment of \$305.50 to Linda Boals. Approved unanimously.

BARB BASHAW, ROUND LAKE/COST-SHARE PAYMENT/\$2630.48/BIG SANDY 319

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share payment to Barb Bashaw for \$2630.48. Approved unanimously.

DONA STEFFENS/WILKINS LAKE/FY 17 COST SHARE PAYMENT \$1275

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve a cost-share payment to Dona Steffens for \$1275. Approved unanimously.

JEAN & KEN GARRISON, PRAIRIE LAKE/BIG SANDY 319

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment to Jean & Ken Garrison, not to exceed \$4750. A report will be given by Janet at the next board meeting as to what the actual cost was. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

-LAKE HEALTH CONFERENCE, 37 people attended. As a part of the lake health conference a launch on Mille Lacs was also held in the evening.

-BIG SANDY, a tour is being worked on with Melanie/Carlton County.

-PROJECT MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP, FARM ISLAND, workshop was held on Friday, August 11, 2017. Shelley Larson lead the workshop. Eight people were in attendance.

-MILLE LACS LAKE WATERSHED TOUR, tour will be held in October, preliminary planning being done in September. Peggy Jones/Peat Plant will give a presentation.

-WATER QUALITY MONITORING, monitoring continues.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

An open house will be held at Long Lake Conservation Center on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 11:00 Shoreline Restoration Project. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve this as a paid board expense. Approved unanimously.

Steve handed out information on the open house.

Steve Hughes would like to check into a separate phone system from the Ag Service Center.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (see attached report)

Jake & Mitch are at meetings today/No reports.

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (see attached report and proposed ordinance for buffers)

Last meeting discussion on land donations. At this time there is nothing new to report on.

The AIS lunch will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at noon at the Ag Service Center.

The next SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Ag Service Center at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary