

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, April 17, 2018 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 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
Chris Pence, MN BWSR Board Conservationist
Wendie Carlson, Long Lake Conservation Center

Additions to the agenda:

-Cost-Share Contract/Walter Langley, \$3000
-ARC MAP software/greater than \$3000

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

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the March 20, 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. AIG Forestry \$ should be coming, approximately \$104,000, also the first ½ of the 2018 AIS \$ will be coming in June sometime.

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

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

OFFICE SPACE

Discussion

WENDIE CARLSON/LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER

Wendie thanked the SWCD Board for their contribution towards a camp scholarship last year. A 2018 Program Catalog was handed out and she went through the catalog highlighting some of the programs that are offered at Long Lake Conservation Center.

COST-SHARE CONTRACT/TIMBER BAY CAMP, SHORELAND BUFFER/MILLE LACS CWP

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share contract for Timber Bay Camp in the amount of \$1125, total not to exceed 75% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Approved unanimously.

COST-SHARE CONTRACT/WALTER LANGLEY, HAZELTON TOWNSHIP/ROUND LAKE SHORELAND STABILIZATION

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share contract for Walter Langley in the amount of \$3000, total not to exceed 75% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Approved unanimously.

2020/2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The District is required to do this report. Steve showed the SWCD Board the completed report.

INDIVIDUAL DEV PLANS & JOB APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Discussion. Paperwork was completed. The Training Team is to give training on what is needed and wanted.

AIS UPDATE/STEVE

-Aquatic Invasive Species 2018 Grant Application. Steve went through the list of those that were approved for this grant (Education and Hours)

-Inspectors are being hired, as of today low 20's, hoping for 30 inspectors.

-AIS Bait Bucket Initiative Grant Update

LEVY AUTHORITY UPDATE

Frank Turnock gave an update on levy authority.

TABLETS AND POSSIBLE PHONE OPTIONS

Discussion re: tablets and phone system. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to authorize Steve Hughes to purchase tablets and new phone system. Approved unanimously.

ARC MAP SOFTWARE

Janet Smude and Mitch Lundeen updated the SWCD Board on ARC software and how it would be helpful in their job. Different options as to how it can be purchased, \$1200 per license-\$400 annual maintenance. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to allow Steve to purchase the ARC Map software whatever \$ amount is needed and best option that will work. Approved unanimously.

MITCH LUNDEEN/NORTH REGION FORESTER (see attached report)

JANET SMUDE/DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Relay of Voices meeting May 1, 2018 at Long Lake Conservation Center.
- Fleming Lake-Karen Ortega graduate student working on Fleming Lake.
- One Watershed One Plan Rum River-County Administrator will be going to meeting with Steve.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report)

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Jason Weinerman was at the meeting and gave a presentation on the history and structure of the Snake River Group.

Steve Hughes was also at the meeting and gave a presentation on a project in Snake River, looks favorable get engineering studies and come back with a proposal.

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (see attached report)

Report was handed out. Shannon is at training this week.

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT

- DNR Fire training
- EQIP Applications
- Easement Update

MN BWSR BOARD CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (Chris Pence)

-One Watershed One Plan request for proposals is out/July 2, 2018 is the deadline.

-Pine River One Watershed One Plan-Aitkin County is in part of the watershed. Kick off meeting is Monday, May 7, 2018, 8:30 a.m. at the Crosslake Ideal Town Hall.

The next Aitkin County SWCD Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary

