

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, May 16, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Roger Vogt, Chair. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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
Maggie Leach, MN BWSR

Additions to the agenda:

-Gordon Vetsch, Cost-Share Assistance Contract
-Name tags

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

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the April 18, 2017 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to accept the April financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

LOCAL PARTNERS AGREEMENT/SWCD & PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.

The Local Partners Agreement between SWCD & Pheasants Forever, Inc. was reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve the Local Partners Agreement/SWCD & Pheasants Forever, Inc.. Approved unanimously.

ZACH SKWIRA/BUFFER SPECIALIST

Zach Skwira was introduced to the SWCD Board and gave background.

MYA SCHNEIDER/CONSERVATION CORP.

Mya will be starting May 22, 2017.

TREE & PLANT SALES

Tree sales were held May 4-5, 2017. 4600 trees were sold. Plants will be delivered the end of May. A plant update was handed out.

2017 AIS ACTIVITIES

- AIS monthly meetings continue to take place.
- Boat inspectors started last weekend.
- Article in Aitkin paper.
- There are about 26 inspectors hired—a couple are not trained yet.
- DNR does training for AIS Level 1 Inspection and Level 2 Procedures for decontaminating a boat. Level 2 training will take place on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. Steve and Zach will be taking the training.

BILLS OVER \$3000

UNIVERSITY OF MN/\$3000

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$5840.88 to Regents of the University of MN. Approved unanimously.

PRO PRINT/\$3340.18

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$3340.18 to Pro Print. Approved unanimously.

MCGREGOR PRINTING/\$3098

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to approve payment of \$3098 to McGregor Printing when we receive the bags that were ordered. Approved unanimously.

AREA III RESOLUTION MEETING/JUNE 2, 2017

The Area III Resolution meeting will be held Friday, June 2, 2017 in Carlton. Frank Turnock, Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fastland, Roger Vogt and Mitch Lundeen will attend.

GLEN TOWNSHIP/COST-SHARE PAYMENT

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share payment to Glen Township in the amount of \$8377.50. Approved unanimously.

PHASE II NORTH REGION FORESTER APPLICATION

Ted Lovdahl, Frank Turnock, Kelly Smith, and Mitch Lundeen met here to discuss a Phase II North Region Forester Application. North Region Forester serves 17 SWCDs in Area III and Area VIII headquartered out of Aitkin. Phase I was applied for about two years ago \$260,000—to date about \$75,000 has been spent or maybe slightly more and runs through the end of 2018 and we will need to do an extension. In Steve's opinion he thinks we are a year early in applying for Phase II. In talking to Maggie, Jason & Jeff BWSR about an extension 25 percent match did not get figured in the first grant. Steve Hughes recommends holding off for one year on an application. It was agreed that Mitch's position is needed in Area III and Area VIII and a state position is also needed.

OTHER/NAME TAGS

Discussion re: name tags something other than paper name tags. Maggie showed the name tag she uses. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to authorize Steve Hughes to look into name tags for supervisors and staff. Approved unanimously. Maggie did mention purchase of name tags cannot be taken from District Capacity funds.

SWCD hats were ordered. Discussion re: t-shirts for district. At this time decided against t-shirts.

CROW WING/AITKIN LCCMR PROPOSAL

This project is prioritizing and targeting north central lakes for protection—lakes to be included are Hill, Round (Waukenabo), Rat, Farm Island, Sandy River flowage, Cedar, Spirit, Big Sandy, Dam, Long, etc. Project was applied for May 15, 2017. The BSALWMP is down to one grant. If this comes through it would give Janet dollars to work with through this project.

CARLTON/AITKIN PROJECT

LESSARD SAM'S APPLICATION-Andrea, Brad, Steve and Jake had a conference call yesterday. They decided to put a draft together. Andrea volunteered to update the draft and will review. Application is due at the end of the month.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT/DONA STEFFENS

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to approve \$1275 not to exceed 50% for a cost-share assistance contract from FY 17 Cost-Share. Approved unanimously.

SHORELAND CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM/DRAFT RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve supporting resolution for Mille Lacs. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Janet handed out new lake impairments.

GORDY VETCH/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

Cost-share was signed last year proposal acceptance was not completed and expired. This is a new contract to approve—the cost hasn't changed. This is from the Tullibee Lakes Initiative, \$2500 not to exceed 75% not to exceed \$1850. A

motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the cost-share contract for Gordy Vetch. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report)

NORTH REGION FORESTER (see attached report)

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

-Easement Presentation

-Project update

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT/JAKE GRANFORS

-A wild rice mailing was recently sent out.

-Another mailing is being worked on (Mississippi easements).

-EQIP wrapped up for now, signatures received and returned

-2 burns completed, 1 still out there

-Snake River grant easement work

MAGGIE LEACH/MN BWSR

-Buffer program update information can be found on the website. Deadline water courses July 1, 2017.

-Governor Dayton vetoed bill. Maggie shared a copy of a letter as to why.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to adjourn. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary