

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD
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AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation Board of Supervisors meeting held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were:

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

Those absent were:

Bob Janzen, Secretary

Additions to the agenda:

-Northern County Land Use Meeting
-MASWCD Meeting/Local Work Group Meeting July 31, 2018 in Grand Rapids, MN

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 Roger Vogt to approve the May 15, 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. The 2nd ½ of the AIS \$ is expected in early July, about \$137,000. Approved unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES/PENMAC STAFFING SERVICES

Discussion re: finding enough inspectors for 2018. It was suggested requesting a flyer from Employment Resources that could be handed out. Also discussion re: bonuses given at different times during the summer; for example, if worked through Memorial Day would receive a bonus, then another bonus be given if worked through the 4th of July and another one be given at the end of the season if so many hours were completed. Steve will discuss with the AIS Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve the May financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

CAR DISCUSSION

The 2012 White Impala may be returned to the County and not replaced. The 2004 Ford Escape needs to be taken in for repair.

DISTRICT FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

Discussion re: Is the Forestry Association going to the MASWCD Convention in December?

AREA III RESOLUTION MEETING

The Area III Resolution meeting was held Wednesday, June 6, 2018 in Carlton. Several attended the meeting. The Forestry Resolution was passed unanimously in Area III, wasn't unanimously passed in Area VIII. The Area III bylaws will be looked at the end of July.

AIS UPDATE/BAIT BUCKET PROGRAM

Two of the three decontamination units had some work done on them by Diamond Industrial. The third one is needing some work done as well if need be

will have Diamond Industrial look at it. They will all probably need new batteries. This is the fourth summer they have been used.

BAIT BUCKET UPDATE

Just about every bait store in the county has bags. There has been good press in the paper, also talked about on the radio. It is slow progress. The grant is for one year, will try for an extension for another year. If the extension is not given everything has been purchased. Sara has been talking to the bait shops. A suggestion was made to have the inspectors offer the bags at the landing.

WRAPS/GRAND RAPIDS UPDATE

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 from 1-3 p.m. at Long Lake Conservation Center.

BILLS OVER \$3000

MN DNR/\$3509

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment to MN DNR for \$3509. Approved unanimously.

EOR/\$5409.75

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$5409.75 to EOR. Approved unanimously.

OBWELL CONTRACT

Nothing has changed on the Obwell contract--\$1200 for the year. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve signing the contract and designate Steve Hughes to sign the contract. Approved unanimously.

CAROL BUSCH/COST-SHARE CONTRACT/CISCO TULLIBEE LAKE PROTECTION/ROUND LAKE, HAZELTON TOWNSHIP

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve a cost-share contract for Carol Busch, cost sharing not to exceed 4505.25 or 75% of

the total eligible costs whichever is less. Approved unanimously. This is the last of the Cisco Tullibee Lakes Protection Grant.

DICK & KATHY BEATTY/BIG SANDY LAKE 319 COST-SHARE CONTRACT

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve a cost-share contract for Dick & Kathy Beatty, cost-sharing not to exceed \$680 or 50% of the total eligible costs whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

TIMBER BAY CAMP/COST-SHARE PAYMENT/MILLE LACS CWP

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$1059.60 to Timber Bay Camp. Approved unanimously.

CITY OF MCGREGOR/COST-SHARE PAYMENT, DISTRICT CAPACITY 18, FLOOD RELIEF FEASIBILITY STUDY

An invoice March/April was submitted for payment. A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$9250.13 and request the City of McGregor to notify the SWCD when a presentation of the study is being made. Approved unanimously.

KARI PAULSEN, WILKINS LAKE/FY 17 COST-SHARE PAYMENT

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$2038 to Kari Paulsen. Approved unanimously.

WALT LANGLEY, ROUND LAKE/HAZELTON TOWNSHIP/MILLE LACS CWP

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$2850.31 to Walt Langley. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (No written report)

The Aitkin County Rivers and Lakes Fair was a good day with an attendance of around 550.

There will be a Lake Association/Lake Advocate Sharing Session on Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Tamarack Sno-Flyers Clubhouse. Melanie from Carlton County and Janet will work together on this session.

On Thursday, June 28, 2018 there will be a project tour in the Mille Lacs Watershed. Business meeting will be from 9-10 a.m. and the tour will be from 10-noon.

LCCMR/CROW WING & AITKIN

This grant was approved. There will be a meeting coming up soon to start the work plan.

FLEMING LAKE FLOATING ISLAND PROJECT

On April 29, a sheet of ice moved islands. University of MN and Midwest Floating Islands along with Steve and Sarah moved the islands back into place. The islands look pretty good, the geese messed up some of them. Midwest Floating Island paid for the islands that needed repaired and the University of MN planted them. There has been some discussion about landowners on Fleming Lake adopting an island.

Maria Camila Merino Franco, University of MN student came to the Rivers and Lakes Fair, brought photos and was able to talk to many people about this project.

NORTHERN COUNTY LAND USE MEETING/ANN MARCOTTE, CHAIR

There will be a planning meeting on Friday, July 6, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. It was suggested that the District have some people there.

MASWCD WORKSHOP, LOCAL WORK GROUP

There will be a MASWCD Workshop on July 31, 2018 at the Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids. RSVP by July 26, 2018. Purpose of the meeting is to better coordinate the Local Work Group.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

There was no meeting in May. Steve tried to contact landowner re: project and no call back from the landowner.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Aitkin County SWCD was invited to join with other counties to purchase AIS utube videos and were purchased for around \$1100.

BOARD CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

- BWSR updates on contracts, on-line contracts
- Buffer Law Update, July 1, 2018
- Pine River One Watershed, One Plan Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Ideal Town Hall
- Technical Training & Certification Program for all districts to have right training for Job Approval Authority
- BWSR hired four trainers to put together trainings throughout the state.
- BWSR website will have upcoming trainings listed.
- It was suggested to have Kelly, BWSR trainer attend a SWCD meeting, possibly in July and work on a District Cost-Share Policy after the meeting.

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (Jake Granfors)

- North Region meeting was held (priorities for next year, field tours etc.)
- Easement Update
- WHIP Contract Wrap Up
- WRP monitoring on-site

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (Tom Gervais, Acting DC)

Tom Gervais is Acting DC. Grazing Specialist for 15 years.

Tom updated the SWCD Board on the DC position. They are advertising for a four month temporary detail position (Aitkin & Crow Wing).

- EQIP Project Update
- CSP Project Update
- Conservation Planning Course/Benton

Reorganization of the NRCS continues to be in progress.

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (see attached report)

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Frank Turnock to adjourn at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary