

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, August 21, 2018 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order by Tom Fasteland, Chair. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending 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
Kelly Voigt, MN BWSR

Additions to the agenda:

- Area III Bylaws
- #5 Annual Meeting, not Resolutions Meeting
- Betty Skoglund, Cost-Share Assistance Contract

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

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the July 17, 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Roger Vogt arrived.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

AIS UPDATE

AIS Bait Bag update was given.

WRAPS UPDATE/GRAND RAPIDS & BRAINERD

There will be a WRAPS/Brainerd Open House from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at the Aitkin Public Library.

The WRAPS/Grand Rapids was scheduled to be completed in December but it will need an extension.

ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN/RUM RIVER

Update was given. Resolution was signed.

ENBRIDGE/JENNIFER MALEITZKE & JULIE

A Power Point Presentation was given and an update.

SHANNON WESTERLUND/BUFFER SPECIALIST/RESIGNATION

Shannon Westerlund, Buffer Specialist resigned.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve hiring a new person. Approved unanimously.

AITKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AIS/\$17650.19

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$17,650.19 to the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office. Approved unanimously.

RESPEC/\$3272.23

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment of \$3272.23 to RESPEC. Approved unanimously.

CITY OF MCGREGOR/DISTRICT CAPACITY 17/COST-SHARE PAYMENT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve a cost-share payment of \$183.38 to the City of McGregor. Approved unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share payment to Dick & Kathy Beatty. Approved unanimously.

BARB KELLEY/COST-SHARE PROJECT, BIG SANDY 319

The cost-share project didn't get done.

BETTY SKOGLUND/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT, GUN LAKE/FY19 STATE COST-SHARE \$1087.50

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share assistance contract, cost sharing not to exceed \$1087.50 or 50% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached report)

Report was handed out. WRAPS/Brainerd Open House will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 4-6 p.m. at the Aitkin Public Library.

Nine lakes impaired: Blind, Elm Island, Esquagama, Fleming, Gun, Portage, Ripple and Waukenabo.

AREA III BYLAWS

A committee of Barb Eller, Gary Rantala and Frank Turnock met to go over Area III Bylaws and recommend changes to them. Frank Turnock went through the changes with the Aitkin SWCD Board and changes will be voted on at the Area III Annual meeting in September.

AREA III ANNUAL MEETING

The Area III Annual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in Mountain Iron. Frank Turnock, Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland and Roger Vogt will attend.

MARK WOLD/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE/DISTRICT CAPACITY 17

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Mark Wold, \$4050.57 total amount authorized. (Total cost \$5400.76 x 75 percent \$4050.57) pending John Welle to sign the form and landowner to sign a new form. Approved unanimously.

WAWINA WETLAND BANK

Discussion.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

- Extension for grant
- Nothing new on the landowner re: project. Frank Turnock will talk to the landowner.

OTHER

AIG GRANT/MITCH LUNDEEN/\$260,000

The AIG Grant for Mitch Lundeen, North Region Forester is due to expire December 31, 2018. An extension is needed. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve signing the extension for this grant. Approved unanimously.

ITASCA COUNTY EASEMENTS

A meeting was held with Paula West, Jake Granfors, Andy Arens, Steve Hughes and Sara Hoeckley re: Jake working on easements in Itasca County on a limited basis. Pheasants Forever is okay with it. Memo of Understanding would be needed. A possible starting date would be mid October starting with an outreach letter to landowners in Itasca County. Jake would commit to an annual review and then hand it off. Would Carlton County need to sign off too? A review could be done after six months to see how it is working out. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve pursuing this. Approved unanimously.

The ATV is working out well. Routine maintenance at Willey's.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT

NORTH REGION FORESTER (see attached report)

Mitch was not in attendance but a report was handed out.

BWSR REPORT/KELLY VOIGT

Job Approval Authority discussion. Handouts were given out.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary