

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, October 17, 2017 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Roger Vogt, Chair. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those present were:

Roger Vogt, Chair
Roseberg, Treasurer
Tom Fasteland, Vice Chair
Bob Janzen, Secretary
Frank Turnock, Reporter
Scott Kittelson, District Conservationist
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary

Those absent were:

Bob

Additions to the agenda:

- Enbridge Resolution
- Gina Hugo/Urban Forestry
- University of MN/\$5997.50

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

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the September 19, 2017 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. Dollars that should be here before the end of the year District Capacity \$118,000, 2nd ½ 2017 AIS \$137,000 and the Natural Resource Block Grant. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to accept the September financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

RYAN CLARK/MN AG WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Ryan Clark gave an update to the SWCD Board.

MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD PRESENTATION

Steve Hughes will be giving a presentation to the Mississippi Headwaters Board on Friday, October 20, 2017. Steve Hughes showed the Power Point presentation to the Aitkin County SWCD Board.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Discussion. Steve is looking for ideas from the SWCD Board as to what direction the District should be moving in the future. This will be put back on the agenda in November.

BUFFER ORDINANCE

The Buffer Ordinance was approved and is operating.

AIS BAIT BUCKET WATER GRANT

Final information was sent to the MN Initiative Foundation. The project is moving forward minor change in budget, final workplan to be completed, etc.

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Resolution to be presented to the Aitkin County Board on December 19, 2017.

BILLS OVER \$3000

LONE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION/FY 15 COMMUNITY PARTNERS GRANT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$3673.51 to Lone Lake Property Owners Association. Approved unanimously.

BIG PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION/FY 15 COMMUNITY PARTNERS
GRANT \$5300/ENBRIDGE GRANT \$2294

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of \$7594 to Big Pine Lake Association. Approved unanimously.

JACK & MARILYN ANDERSON/COST-SHARE PAYMENT/MILLE LACS
CWP/\$2918.30

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of \$2918.30 to Jack & Marilyn Anderson. Approved unanimously.

UNIVERSITY OF MN/\$5997.50

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of \$5997.50 to University of MN. Approved unanimously.

CAPACITY FUND EQUIPMENT (see attached list)

Discussion re: equipment needs for the SWCD ATV etc. A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Frank Turnock to proceed to explore equipment prices, etc. and come back in November with information. Approved unanimously.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Absent, no report

ENBRIDGE RESOLUTION

Frank Turnock provided a sample resolution for an Enbridge resolution. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to have the district send in a resolution. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached report)

- Mille Lacs Tour
- Big Sandy Lake Tour
- Water Quality Update
- Cost-Share Projects
- Reporting/Reimbursement Requests

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report)

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST (see attached report)

- Spoke at MFA meeting, Grazing workshop and Big Sandy Lake Tour
- EQIP Update
- RIM Easements Update

NORTH REGION FORESTRY REPORT (see attached report)

GINA HUGO/URBAN FORESTRY

Frank Turnock asked to be approved to attend a meeting re: Urban Forestry (per diem and mileage). A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve Frank Turnock attending a meeting and be paid per diem and mileage re: Urban Forestry. Approved unanimously.

AREA III FALL MEETING

Bob Roseberg, Bob Janzen and Frank Turnock attended the Area III Fall meeting. Frank Turnock gave an update on the meeting.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Steve Hughes and John Welle will be attending the Hazelton Town Board meeting tonight re: a landowner's project.

The next SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary

