

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 16, 2018 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Those present were:

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

Those absent were:

Tom Fasteland, Chair

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

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve the September 18, 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. This is the end of the third quarter. The second ½ of the AIS dollars are expected in December 2018, approximately \$138,000. We will receive the county dollars in January 2019.

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to accept the September financial statement. Approved unanimously.

#### AIS UPDATE

Inspections were wrapped up in early September.

There will be an AIS Committee meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018 and then will suggest no meeting until January 2019. Meetings are held once a month in the summer.

Steve showed samples of the AIS towels (Shirts Plus and another company) and asked for comments. Everyone seemed to like the towel from Shirts Plus but more expensive. It was suggested to contact Shirts Plus and discuss—whatever the AIS Committee decides.

Steve is working on a summary of the 2018 AIS inspections and will go to the County Board with a report for 2018. Total inspections by lake, number of violations what they were etc. Big Pine Lake has zebra mussels.

## WRAPS UPDATE

### WRAPS/BRAINERD

The Open House at the library was very well attended, lots of questions were asked.

### WRAPS/GRAND RAPIDS

A WRAPS Ambassador meeting for the Mississippi/Grand Rapids WRAP was held.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL & TIME ACCOUNTING REVIEW

Steve showed the SWCD Board our time spreadsheets for the time accounting review that is a part of a reconciliation with MN BWSR.

## AREA III ANNUAL MEETING

The Area III annual meeting was held on Thursday, September 20, 2018. All Aitkin County SWCD Supervisors attended—good meeting.

## DISTRICT CAPACITY 17 COST-SHARE \$20,000

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve \$20,000 from the District Capacity 17 funds to go towards cost-share projects. Approved unanimously.

## BILLS OVER \$3000

## CROW WING SWCD/\$3290.01

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$3290.01 to the Crow Wing SWCD. Approved unanimously.

RESPEC/\$5731.83

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$5731.83 to RESPEC. Approved unanimously.

## AITKIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Steve met with the Aitkin County Budget Committee on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

## BUFFER SPECIALIST

Discussion. A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to go ahead and advertise for a buffer specialist. Approved unanimously.

TOM GERVAIS/DC REPORT (see attached report)

## 2019 LOCAL CAPACITY GRANT

This grant is ready to be applied for, match needs to be in e-link, workplan complete and grant executed before dollars can be used from the grant.

## TOP 10 COUNTIES AIS

Other counties are interested in the Bait Water project. Discussion re: a professional writer to be hired to put AIS articles in the paper. Counties would share the cost.

## MARK WOLD/COST-SHARE PAYMENT/DISTRICT CAPACITY 17

\$4050.57

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve a cost-share payment of \$4050.57 to Mark Wold. Approved unanimously.

## MARK GUETTLER/COST-SHARE PAYMENT/CISCO TULLIBEE

\$6955.50

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve cost-share payment of \$6955.50 to Mark Guettler. Approved unanimously.

#### CITY OF MCGREGOR/DISTRICT CAPACITY 17/\$1633.88

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$1633.88 to the City of McGregor. Approved unanimously.

#### MARY ROY/MILLE LACS LAKE/FY18 COST-SHARE/\$975

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a partial payment of \$975 to Mary Roy. Approved unanimously.

#### DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached)

#### RESOLUTION PACKET

Resolution packets were sent out in the supervisor packets. Ballots must be received in the MASWCD office by November 2, 2018.

#### MASWCD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The MASWCD Annual Convention will be held December 9-11, 2018. Steve Hughes will be attending on Monday.

#### FRIENDS OF RICE LAKE REFUGE

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve membership dues of \$35 to Friends of Rice Lake Refuge. Approved unanimously.

#### SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

- One Watershed One Plan
- Grant can only be extended until June 30, 2019 due to grant language.
- Landowner cost-share project, contract application sent out still trying to get it signed and returned.

#### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Correction to be made on the June 19, 2018 minutes. Under Fleming Lake Floating Island Project should read Maria Camila Merino Franco, University of

MN student. A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Janzen to correct the June 19, 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST (Jake Granfors)

Lots of interest in easements, more applications than dollars, prioritize the ones that are the best.

A meeting will be held in Jacobson to clarify the letter that was sent out re: easements that it is voluntary.

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

CHRIS PENCE/MN BWSR BOARD CONSERVATIONIST

Chris handed out information re: One Watershed One Plan/Pine River.

There was a meeting with the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners on October 9, 2018 on 53/43 with Tim Terrill, Mississippi Headwaters Board.

Helen McClennan, Morrison SWCD is retiring.

The next Aitkin County SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen  
Secretary

