

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD
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AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Tuesday, July 17, 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

Addition to the agenda.

-Northern County Land Use Meeting

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

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the June 19, 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

Steve Hughes arrived from speaking on the radio.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached report)

Bob Janzen arrived.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

AIS UPDATE

The first AIS Bait Bucket report was due July 15, 2018 including how it was started, what we did, what worked and what didn't work. Narrative and financial report was sent in.

The AIS bags are moving more slowly than we would like it to.

The Initiative Foundation did not extend the grant another year.

It was suggested that AIS bags be handed out at the landings and that has started.

PHEASANT'S FOREVER/\$14,622.40

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$14,622.40. Approved unanimously.

PHEASANT'S FOREVER/\$6500

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$6500 to Pheasant's Forever. Approved unanimously. Aitkin will bill Carlton County \$3250.

CROW WING SWCD/\$3575

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$3575 to Crow Wing SWCD. Approved unanimously.

EOR/\$5760

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$5760 to EOR. Approved unanimously.

2019 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY

The 2019 budget was given to the County.

53/43

53 Watersheds, 43 million dollars over a ten year period of time. Proposal to Mississippi Headwaters Board to see if they want to support and then would go to the State for funding request to Clean Water Fund or Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council could include Aitkin, Crow Wing, Cass and Itasca counties.

COST-SHARE PROJECT PREVIEW

MIKE RUZAK/BIG SANDY 319 (3)

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share payment of \$2232.44 to Mike Ruzak. Approved unanimously.

CITY OF MCGREGOR, \$1600.88/DISTRICT CAPACITY 17

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve a cost-share payment of \$1600.88 to the City of McGregor and request copies of reports of what they have found out so far. Approved unanimously.

Frank attended the Northern County Land Use meeting on Friday, July 6, 2018 at the Long Lake Conservation Center.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached report)

Forage and Grassland Council September 6, 2018.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (see attached report)

It was suggested to invite Peggy Jones, American Peat and Jennifer Maleitzke, Enbridge to the next SWCD Board meeting to receive project updates.

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST (Jake Granfors)

-Mississippi River easement letters sent out, quite a few are responding to the letter.

- Wild Rice wrapping up easement dollars and waiting for additional dollars
- Kettle River Watershed Tour with Carlton County
- Training Courses on Conservation Planning

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached report)

Steve gave an update on the WRAPS Ambassador meeting that was held at Long Lake Conservation Center.

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (see attached report)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Janzen
Secretary