

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, February 19, 2019 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were:

Those absent were:

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

Additions to the agenda:

- MOU with Itasca County SWCD
- Area III dues/\$225
- Approval for Lori to send out invoices to those districts that haven't paid their 2019 Area III dues.

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

Under MN Government Data Practices Act Policy should read requests made in writing, \$40 hr. and .05 per copy.

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the January 15, 2019 minutes as corrected. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Update of \$ since the last report-\$145,000 from the County was received. A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Tom Fasteland to accept the January financial statement. Approved unanimously.

NORTH REGION FORESTER REPORT (see attached)

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

AIS UPDATE

Discussion

WRAPS UPDATE/GRAND RAPIDS AND BRAINERD

Reporting was completed for WRAPS/Grand Rapids.

2019 AIS PLAN

The 2019 AIS Plan was completed.

BUFFER POSITION UPDATE

Application deadline is Friday, February 22, 2019. Contact applicants by the end of February for interviews between March 11-15, 2019. Committee to interview. Committee would consist of Steve Hughes, Environmental Services and a couple of SWCD Supervisors. Tom Fasteland volunteered to be on the Committee along with Roger Vogt. Bob Janzen will be a backup for Roger Vogt.

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Update at the County Board meeting—Rum River as well as Snake River One Watershed One Plan.

Steve Hughes met with Jessica Seibert, Aitkin County Administrator. Discussion with Jessica re: current leases with Dan Bandt and Personnel Policy. There are not many significant differences written between Aitkin County SWCD and Aitkin County Personnel Policies. At this time leave the way they are. We are a separate entity and doesn't want that to change. Discussed re: computer security training etc. with county— ok to do that.

AREA III ENVIROTHON

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment of \$400 to the Area III Envirothon. Approved unanimously.

LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment of \$300 to Long Lake Conservation Center for 2019 Summer Camps. If possible \$100 each to Aitkin, McGregor and Hill City student. Approved unanimously.

BILLS OVER \$3,000

CARLTON COUNTY SWCD

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$3325 to Carlton County SWCD. Approved unanimously.

MASWCD DUES/\$3172.14

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Tom Fasteland to extend an invitation, specific day and time, to Roland Cleveland, MASWCD President to attend our SWCD Board meeting and discuss MASWCD dues. Table until someone from MASWCD comes to our SWCD Board meeting. Approved unanimously.

RESPEC/\$8899.15

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment to RESPEC for \$8899.15. Approved unanimously.

BOGLAND INVESTMENT, LLC/AIS LEASE, \$4392

Approval was made over the phone.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to reaffirm payment of \$4392 to Bogland Investment, LLC for AIS Lease. Approved unanimously.

ANNUAL CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PARTNER DISCUSSIONS

Tom Gervais, Acting DC provided information to be sent out in supervisors packet. Any organizations in partnerships with federal agencies must follow the laws (customer and employee relations). A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Janzen to sign and approve review of the policy and accept and abide by the policy. Approved unanimously.

OTHER

MOU WITH ITASCA COUNTY

Jake Granfors, Farm Bill Biologist to provide services re: conservation easements. A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve memorandum of understanding with Itasca County. Approved unanimously.

ACTING DC REPORT (see attached report)

- Funding EQIP Applications
- Farm Bill signed end of December. There is not a lot of change to the way NRCS does things.
- Tom Gervais, Acting DC was on the radio with Steve Hughes.
- Cattlemen's Association winter meeting
- A person was selected for the Baxter position that will be overseeing the Aitkin office.

AREA III DUES

Frank Turnock is the Area III Treasurer for 2019. Frank asked to allow Lori to send out invoices to the Districts that have not yet paid their 2019 Area III dues. Cook, Lake and Carlton have paid their dues. The 2019 Area III dues is \$225.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment of \$225 to Area III for 2019 dues. Approved unanimously.

Congratulate staff on Volunteer Lunch.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Bob Roseberg handed out a packet of information. Discussion One Watershed One Plan and resolution if we want to continue. A motion was made by Bob

Roseberg and seconded by Tom Fasteland to continue on and draft a resolution similar to the copy attached. Approved unanimously. Tabled. Resolution typed.

DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (see attached)
DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT (No report)
FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (Jake Granfors)
BOARD CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (Chris Pence)

Discussion of Area III Treasurer position at the Area III Resolution meeting.

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to take resolution off table and to approve signing the resolution of support One Watershed One Plan (Snake River). Approved unanimously.

Roland Cleveland, MASWCD President and Jennifer Maleitzke to attend a SWCD Board meeting in the future.

The next SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Fasteland
Secretary