Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

Frank Turnock, Chair
Roger Vogt, Vice Chair
Tom Fasteland, Secretary
Bob Janzen, Reporter
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary
Chris Pence, MN BWSR

Those absent were:

Bob Roseberg, Treasurer

Additions to the agenda:

-MFA Dues

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

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Discussion. The 1st ½ of the 2019 AIS dollars received. The District Capacity 2020 Plan was approved. There is an increase in the District Capacity 2020 dollars. WRAPS Grand Rapids reimbursement of $49,090 will be coming. A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to accept the August financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN
A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve checks written. Approved unanimously.

AIS UPDATE

-Lunch was held for the inspectors in August.
-Incentives were given out to inspectors this year. Steve updated on the incentives that one could receive.
-Updating the decontamination units.

WRAPS/GRAND RAPIDS UPDATE

Steve updated on WRAPS/GRAND RAPIDS.

RUM RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

Grant approved. Workplan, timeline etc.

EMMONS & OLIVIER RESOURCES, INC./$3,424.54

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of $3,424.54 to Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. Approved unanimously.

CARLTON COUNTY SWCD/$4,075

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of $4,075 to Carlton County SWCD. Approved unanimously.

ITASCA COUNTY SWCD/$4,825

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment of $4,825 to Itasca County SWCD. Approved unanimously.

AREA III ANNUAL MEETING/SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

The Area III annual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 in Hinckley at Tobies. Frank Turnock, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, and Roger Vogt will attend.

3RD PARTY CERTIFICATION
Discussion. Audit is tentatively scheduled for November. Overall program the last 12 years.

$71,601.16 Grants  
18,250.00 Dues  
89,851.16  
-47,811.19 Audit Costs  
42,039.97

The audit in November is about $4,000. It is a field audit this year.

Discussion whether or not to stay in FSC. Dennis will be helping with the FSC audit this year. A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the FSC audit for this year, staying in FSC and to offer to pay Dennis Thompson for help with the FSC audit if needed. Approved unanimously.

MFA (MN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION) DUES/$75

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment to MFA in the amount of $75 for dues. Approved unanimously.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (No report)

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

Letters were sent out to Districts in Area III and Area VIII re: North Region Forester position. Frank Turnock requested copies of the letter be handed out at the SWCD Forestry Association meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019. At the point of talking to a private consultant.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN’S REPORT (see attached report)

-Education/Rivers & Lakes Fair—wrapping up 2019 and starting 2020
-Cost-Share projects
-Visits with landowners
-WRAPs/GR and WRAPS/BRD. & Mississippi River TMDL
-Big Sandy
-CWF Grant Application prepared
-AIS with Penny, sampling on Wilkins, French, Fleming and Gun. Eurasian Watermilfoil was found on French Lake.
NRCS REPORT (Tom & Candi absent)

-Report was handed out.
-Forage & Grassland Council Tour

CHRIS PENCE/BWSR UPDATE (see attached report)

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (Sam)

-100% compliant on buffers
-No-Till Drill update
-Rivers & Lakes Fair update
-AIS bait bags
-Wrote Topic of the Month for Mille Lacs Watershed
-P&Z Shoreland reviews

Steve met with Jessica Seibert and Jim Bright re: move to the courthouse. Jim Bright will be helping us move.

The next SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center. A tour of Mille Lacs Meadows was requested.

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Roger Vogt to adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Fasteland
Secretary