Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were: Those absent were:

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

Additions to the agenda:

-Dennis Thompson, Assistant Land Commissioner
-Linda Boals, Cost-Share Project Application

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

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Discussion. End of the 3rd Quarter. Expected $ 2nd ½ of the AIS $, 2020 County Allocation early January and 2020 District Capacity when workplan is completed, Natural Resource Block Grant and the 1st ½ of 2019 AIS $ came in September.
A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to accept the September financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

DENNIS THOMPSON, ASSISTANT LAND COMMISSIONER

Dennis Thompson shared the MFA Silver Medallion award with the Aitkin County SWCD that he recently received from MFA as he felt that he couldn’t take full credit for this award. He thanked the SWCD Board for allowing him to spend the time he did with the Minnesota Forestry Association (MFA).

AIS UPDATE

Decontamination units (3) were traded in. They will be delivered next spring 2020. There will be an AIS meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the SWCD office.

WRAPS UPDATE/GRAND RAPIDS & BRAINERD

An Open House will be held for Grand Rapids in the near future. Brainerd WRAPS is behind Grand Rapids WRAPS.

RUM RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

Sam will report on this.

AREA III ANNUAL MEETING/SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Frank Turnock, Tom Fasteland and Bob Roseberg attended the Area III meeting. Good presentation on taxing authority. Discussion re: fiscal agent of Area III to one of the SWCD offices. By-laws and proper steps need to be taken to do that.

DIAMOND INDUSTRIAL CLEANING EQUIPMENT

Three decontamination units were traded in. A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of $12,000 now.
Remainder will be paid when we receive the three new decontamination units. Approved unanimously.

AITKIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded Bob Roseberg to approve payment of $16,692.21 to the Aitkin County Sheriff’s Office. Approved unanimously.

RESPEC/$3566.10

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of $3566.10 to RESPEC. Approved unanimously.

FRIENDS OF RICE LAKE REFUGE/$35

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment of $35 to Friends of Rice Lake Refuge. Approved unanimously.

2019 RESOLUTIONS PACKET

Discussion. These need to be filled out and sent to MASWCD by November 1, 2019.

OFFICE RELOCATION

Move could be end of October. Staff early to mid November. Discussion re: new computers. A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to authorize purchase of new computers for the staff. This will be taken out of the 2020 District Capacity $.

LINDA LOHMAN/COST-SHARE APPLICATION, MILLE LACS LAKE

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve up to $1075 of the project costs, not to exceed 50% of the total cost. Approved unanimously.

DOUG & LISA LEMAY/PINE LAKE (WAGNER TWP.)/COST-SHARE PROJECT REVIEW/PAYMENT
A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of maximum of $4562.78, not to exceed 75% of the total eligible project costs pending completion of the cost-share voucher. Approved unanimously.

LINDA BOALS/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT, LAKE MINNEWAWA

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Linda Boals up to $1661.25 of the projects, not to exceed 75% of the total cost. Approved unanimously.

MASWCD CONVENTION/DECEMBER 8-10, 2019

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve whoever wants to attend the MASWCD Convention. Approved unanimously. Information was handed out to the supervisors (hotel & registration information) from the MASWCD website.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

-1W1P Process

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST (No report, absent)

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (No report, absent)

AITKIN SWCD TOUR 10/15/19

Tour will be held today after lunch.

Site 1-Mille Lacs Meadows Ranch
Site 2-Lone Lake Swimming Beach
Site 3-Multiple landowners private driveway

DISTRICT FORESTER/TECHNICIAN REPORT (KYLE)

-BWSR Forest Stewardship
-Agro Forest Workshop (Slettom Farm)
-CAP Plans

NRCS REPORT (TOM GERVAIS & CANDI FULLER)
- CSP Update
- EQIP Update
- Prescribe/Grazing Conservation Cover
- Technical Assistance
- Industrial By Products, Inc.- update on wood ash/lime out of SAPPI
- Training/Education Opportunities

MN BOARD CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

- 1W1P UPDATE (map handed out)
- Pine River Watershed Plan Update, BWSR Board approved 9/25/19
  120 days to adopt the Plan (SWCD & County Resolution)
  Plan handed out.
- Oct. 29-31, MN BWSR Academy
- IDP deadline updates
- PRAP Dale Krystosek will attend SWCD Board meeting in November
  (approximately 3 months to complete)

BUFFER SPECIALIST (Sam)

- Buffer update
- Bait Bag update
- Site checks
- Rum River 1W1P meeting, lots of discussion on priorities focus on protection
  rather than restoration (easement & buffers)
- BSALWMP meeting (P&Z presentation)
- LeMay Cost-Share project
- Interview with Jeanne Schram re: buffers
- 2020 Native Tree Order form

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Fasteland
Secretary