

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET NW, ROOM #216  
AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at the Members Cooperative Credit Union meeting room. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

Those absent were:

Bob Janzen, Chair  
Tom Fasteland, Vice Chair  
Bob Roseberg, Treasurer  
Frank Turnock, Secretary  
Roger Vogt, Reporter  
Wayne Anderson, Guest  
Jessica Johnson, Talon Metals Community Coordinator  
Steve Hughes, District Manager  
Lori Nelson, District Secretary

Additions to the agenda:

- Snake River 1W1P Resolution
- LIDAR discussion
- Jason & Laurie Holm/Cost-Share Assistance Contract, Dam Lake
- Update on Extension

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

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve the August 17, 2021 minutes. Approved unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to accept the August financial statement. Approved unanimously.

## CHECKS WRITTEN

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

## AIS UPDATE

- Last inspection day was Labor Day.
- Equipment was returned. Discussion re: purchasing new tablets. Donate old tablets to Long Lake Conservation Center or local schools.
- The next AIS meeting will be in January.
- The AIS Committee meeting was held last Thursday. Heidi Lenk, Aitkin County Sheriff's Dept. attended and gave a report on the lakes commenting that the inspectors are a deterrent to crime at the accesses.

## JESSICA JOHNSON, TALON METALS COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

Jessica Johnson updated the SWCD Board on Talon Metals. There is an Open House tonight at Talon Metals from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Discussion re: SWCD Board taking a tour at Talon Metals the third Tuesday in November.

## MINNEWAWA OUTLET DESIGN & BIDS

Project is proposed and designed. SWCD is the fiscal agent for this project. The project is out for bids and due by the end of September.

## STEPHANIE FINCH/AMERICORP TEAM MEMBER

Stephanie was introduced and gave a little background. She will be with the Aitkin County SWCD for about a year.

## WATER PLAN UPDATE RESOLUTION

Water Plan is due to be updated by August 15, 2022. Steve attended the County Board meeting with a Water Plan Update Resolution that will continue Local County Water Plan until December 2025.

## ADOPT A HIGHWAY WITH PLANNING & ZONING

Adopt a Highway with Planning & Zoning is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2021 and Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

#### SNAKE RIVER 1W1P RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the Snake River 1W1P resolution. Approved unanimously.

#### BILLS OVER \$3000

#### AITKIN COUNTY TREASURER, (PICTOMETRY)/\$10,000

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment to Aitkin County Treasurer for \$10,000. Approved unanimously.

#### NEW DRONE

A second drone was purchased (Phantom 4 Pro). This is a different design than the Mavic 2 Pro, bigger, more powerful and can handle wind better.

#### FRIENDS OF RICE LAKE REFUGE/ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$35

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of \$35 for Friends of Rice Lake Refuge annual membership. Approved unanimously.

#### FIREWISE VIDEO WITH CARLTON COUNTY

Brad Matlack is looking for a before and after video of a Firewise project. Kyle to fly the drone for this video.

#### COST-SHARE PROJECT REVIEWS

#### BOB HEMMING, PINE LAKE/DISTRICT CAPACITY 20/\$2500.20

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of \$2500.20 to Bob Hemming. Approved unanimously.

#### JENNIFER KLAUSTERMEIER, PINE LAKE/DISTRICT CAPACITY 19/\$1319.38

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$1319.38 to Jennifer Klaustermeier. Approved unanimously.

## OTHER

### JASON & LAURIE HOLM/COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT/DAM LAKE

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a Cost-Share Assistance Contract for Jason & Laurie Holm, Dam Lake, cost-share not to exceed \$3456 Or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

### EXTENSION AGENT UPDATE

Steve hasn't contacted anyone yet but will look into.

### DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT (Janet)

- Healthy Land Healthy Lake Expo at McQuoid's Inn
- Big Sandy Watershed-9 Key Element Plan start a workplan and funding
- Brd. Watershed 1W1P approved. Memo of Understanding agreement to review and approve.
- Starry Trek Day was held on August 21, 2021 and went well. Ripple Lake Public Access is where it started, volunteers were trained and then were sent out to different lakes.

### SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

There was a meeting in August. Shoreland project failed, dollars were approved to redo it.

### LIDAR DISCUSSION

Discussion. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve \$10,000 for LIDAR. Dollars for this will come from the District Capacity 22. Approved unanimously.

### OCTOBER TOUR

Discussion re: October Tour.

- Meet at Long Lake Conservation Center
- A couple of projects
- Timber Harvest/Forest Stewardship Plans/Lunch from McGregor Bakery

#### DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (Dalton)

Tom was not able to attend. Dalton gave the NRCS Report. Update on RCPP, EQIP, etc.

#### MN BOARD CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (Chris Pence)

- BWSR Academy on-line, Oct. 26-28, 2021. Registration starts on September 23, 2021.
- Legumes Grant Opportunity
- Individual Development Plans due by October 15, 2021.
- 1W1P Brainerd WRAPS Planning Grant
- State Cost-Share Agreement needs a workplan submitted.
- E-link update is coming.
- BWSR Board approved the NRBG Grant and District Capacity.

#### BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (Sam)

- Buffer update
- Gravel Pit Grant, most of the \$ have been spent.
- New drone
- No Till Drill/November
- Attended a Wetland Training Class in Brainerd
- County Ag Inspection update

Discussion by Frank Turnock re: staff to MASWCD Convention in December.

#### DISTRICT TECHNICIAN/FORESTER REPORT (Kyle)

Kyle did not attend. The report was handed out.

#### FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (Jake)

No report. Jake did not attend the meeting.

The next SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Long Lake Conservation Center. Tour will be held.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock to adjourn the meeting at 12:00.  
Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock  
Secretary