

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 Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the Aitkin County Government Center. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

Those absent were:

Tom Fasteland, Chair  
Wayne Anderson, Vice Chair  
Bob Roseberg, Treasurer  
Frank Turnock, Secretary  
Bob Janzen, Reporter  
Janet Smude, District Manager  
Lori Nelson, District Secretary  
Chris Pence, MN BWSR Board Conservationist

Additions to the agenda:

- SWCD Shirts/Supervisors
- Bill over \$3000
  - Houston Engineering/\$5889.75

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

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve the September 29, 2022 minutes. Approved unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to accept the September financial report. Approved unanimously.

#### CHECKS WRITTEN

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

## SHORELAND RESTORATION POLICY

Discussion re: Shoreland Restoration Policy. A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to reaffirm the Shoreland Restoration Policy and date October 2022. Approved unanimously.

## MINNEWAWA FISH PASSAGE

The contractor is doing the site prep. A pre-construction meeting with TSA3 has taken place. A TSA3 Engineer plans to be at the site during construction, also DNR Engineer staff.

## SNAKE RIVER 1W1P-REVIEW & APPROVE FINAL PLAN/DEANNA POMIJE, KANABEC SWCD (Virtual)

Deanna Pomije, Kanabec SWCD gave a presentation to the SWCD Board via virtual re: Snake River 1W1P. Questions and comments to follow. A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Frank Turnock to recommend approval of the Snake River 1W1P. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of the Snake River 1W1P. A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Frank Turnock to ok Janet or Kyle to attend the Snake River meetings. Approved unanimously.

## CONTRACT IDEAS FOR STEPHANIE FINCH

Janet went over the contract for Stephanie Finch with the SWCD Board (Weed Inventory, Forestry Outreach List/Mailing, and Soil Health News Releases). The proposed work period 100 hrs., completed before December 31, 2022. Rate of pay \$45/hr., total of \$4500. This would be an independent contract with no benefits. The proposed rate of pay is high as it includes office space/supplies on her own. Mileage reimbursement for the weed inventory (\$500)(800 miles @ 62.5 cents per mile. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to offer the contract to Stephanie Finch. Approved unanimously.

## NACD DUES

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve payment of \$101 to NACD for dues. Approved unanimously.

## FRIENDS OF RICE LAKE REFUGE/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER GRAND RAPIDS 1W1P/MOA

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve Memo of Understanding with Mississippi River Grand Rapids. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded Bob Roseberg to appoint Tom Fasteland to the Mississippi River Grand Rapids 1W1P and Wayne Anderson as an alternate. Approved unanimously.

#### COST-SHARE PROJECT REVIEWS

#### SPIRIT LAKE FY20 DISTRICT CAPACITY (20-4)

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve a cost-share payment for \$1004.71 for a shoreland project. Approved unanimously.

#### POLLINATOR PLANTING FY20 DISTRICT CAPACITY

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$5579 for a pollinator planting. Approved unanimously.

#### DISTRICT TECHNICIAN POSITION

Discussion re: District Technician Position and timeframe to post job etc. A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to post the position right away. Some suggestions to post to were Central Lakes College and Bemidji State. Approved unanimously.

#### MN NATIVE LANDSCAPE/\$5120

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment to MN Native Landscape for \$5120. Approved unanimously.

#### HOUSTON ENGINEERING/\$5889.75

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment to Houston Engineering for \$5889.75. Approved unanimously.

## 2022 MASWCD RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions are due to MASWCD by November 1, 2022.

## DISCUSSION OF THE NOVEMBER SWCD BOARD MEETING

Discussion of the November SWCD Board meeting. Due to Leadership training that Janet is attending the November SWCD Board meeting needs to be rescheduled. The next SWCD Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board room.

## SWCD SHIRTS/SUPERVISORS

Discussion re: SWCD shirts for supervisors. Janet will look into what is available and price.

## OTHER

Frank Turnock updated the SWCD Board on the recent Talon Community meetings that were held. There will be quarterly meetings to update the public. Frank suggested having Talon come to our SWCD Board meeting after the first of the year.

## SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

## DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

## DISTRICT TECHNICIAN/FORESTER REPORT

- Stewardship Plan Report
- Webinars/Forestry
- Snake River
- Parks
- Private Woodlands Committee, December 2, 2022 workshop
- Landowner assistance
- CPL Grant

-AIS Update

#### BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (Sam)

- Buffer update
- Ag Inspector update
- Rum River 1W1P update
- HELP Grant/LLCC
- WCA update
- Restoration Orders
- Salo Township culverts almost done
- Lakeside Township culverts
- No Till Drill

#### AITKIN/CARLTON FORESTER (Kaysie)

- Stewardship Plan/Aitkin update
- Stewardship Plan/Carlton update
- Biennium report meeting for St. Louis Watershed
- Radio
- Trainings

#### DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (given by Garrett Christensen)

- EQIP update
- RCPP update
- CSP update
- Training (2 NRCS staff from Aitkin Field Office attended the Forest Trails & Landscape Training sessions).

#### MN BOARD CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

- BWSR Academy (Oct. 25-Oct. 27)
- E-Link (update after February 1)
- Local Capacity and Soil Health work plan completed and then \$ can be received.
- Attendance/Snake River & Rum River

#### FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (Jake)

- EQIP update
- Easement update

-Training update

MASWCD CONVENTION (DECEMBER 2022)

Tom Fasteland, Wayne Anderson and Frank Turnock plan on attending the MASWCD Convention.

The next SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Aitkin County Government Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, County Board Room.

Meeting adjourned.

Tour of the Aitkin City Park (CPL Grant, 3 yr. grant, \$12,000). We are in the first year of the grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock  
Secretary