

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD
307 2nd STREET NW, ROOM #216
AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at the Aitkin County Government Center. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tom Fasteland welcomed visitors.

Those present were:

Those absent were:

Tom Fasteland, Chair
Wayne Anderson, Vice Chair
Bob Roseberg, Treasurer
Frank Turnock, Secretary
Bob Janzen, Reporter
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary
Tom Anderson, Tamarack Water Alliance
Lynn Anderson, Tamarack Water Alliance
Jean Skinaway Lawrence, Sandy Lake Band
Tania, Aubid, 1855 Treaty
Shanai Matteson, Resident of County Tamarack Water Alliance
Ash Compton, Tamarack Water Alliance, County Resident
Beckakac, Resident
River Akemann, Aitkin County Resident

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the May 17, 2022 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. The 1st ½ of the 2022 AIS \$ are expected in July, approximately \$134,000. A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bob Roseberg to accept the May financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the checks written. Approved unanimously.

AIS UPDATE

A meeting was held on Monday, June 20 with the AIS inspectors. Lots of discussion. In general, things are going well. Reminding the inspectors to be friendly, helpful and educational. We have approximately 17-18 inspectors this year. Gun Lake and Sugar Lake were added with inspectors. All decontamination units are running at this time. There is now a decontamination unit at the Big Sandy Dam. The AIS Photo Finish is underway and we had a winner in June. They chose the \$250.

TAMARACK WATER ALLIANCE/TOM & LYNN ANDERSON

Tom Anderson presented a Power Point presentation.

JEAN SKINAWAY LAWRENCE, SANDY LAKE BAND

Jean Skinaway Lawrence presented a Power Point presentation.

AREA III MEETING/LONG LAKE SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2022

The brochure was handed out for the Area III meeting-suggestion to add bring pillow, sleeping bag etc. if staying overnight.

OBSERVATION WELL CONTRACT FY 23

A motion was made to approve the Observation Well contract and authorize Steve Hughes, District Manager to sign the Observation Well contract. Approved unanimously.

COST-SHARE CONTRACT AMENDMENT/BAHNEMAN, HORSESHOE LAKE/BIG SANDY 319

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve a cost-share amendment for Bahneman to \$1687 an increase of \$460. Approved unanimously.

COST-SHARE PROJECT PROPOSALS

ROD & MARY KEITH, LONG LAKE/CISCO LAKES PROTECTION GRANT/\$5285

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Rod & Mary Keith, cost-sharing not to exceed \$5285 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

PERTULLA/WILKINS LAKE, \$7440/DISTRICT CAPACITY

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Pertulla, cost-sharing not to exceed \$7440 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

DAN & JILL WEINAND, LAKE MINNEWAWA/BIG SANDY 319/\$3006

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Dan & Jill Weinand, cost-sharing not to exceed \$3006 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

KOEHLER/FARM ISLAND, \$2467.80/DISTRICT CAPACITY

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve a cost-share assistance contract for Koehler, cost-sharing not to exceed \$2467.80 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

MINNEWAWA FISH LADDER/OUT FOR BIDS

The Minnewawa Fish Ladder is out for bids. One bid has been received so far.

COST-SHARE PAYMENTS

WALTER & MARY LANGLEY, CISCO LAKES PROTECTION GRANT,
\$275

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share payment for Walter & Mary Langley for \$275. Approved unanimously.

BOB & HEATHER RHYKUS, CISCO LAKES PROTECTION GRANT, \$500

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share payment for Bob & Heather Rhykus for \$500. Approved unanimously.

BOB & HEATHER RHYKUS, CISCO LAKES PROTECTION GRANT, \$300

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share payment for Bob & Heather Rhykus for \$300. Approved unanimously.

AITKIN/CROW WING ROUND LAKE ASSOCIATION (HAZELTON)
\$585.10/CISCO LAKES PROTECTION GRANT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve a cost-share payment for Aitkin/Crow Wing Round Lake Association (Hazelton) for \$585.10. Approved unanimously.

STEPHANIE & JEFFREY BOLKS, LAKE MINNEWAWA \$1350/BIG
SANDY 319

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share payment of \$1350 pending approval by Big Sandy Watershed. Approved unanimously.

RUM RIVER 1W1P RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the Rum River One Watershed One Plan resolution. Approved unanimously.

RUM RIVER 1W1P/JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RUM RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATER
MANAGEMENT PLAN

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and Bob Roseberg to approve to adopt and implement the Rum River One Watershed One Plan Joint Powers Agreement for the implementation of the Rum River Comprehensive Water Management Plan. Approved unanimously.

KAYSIE MALESKI, AITKIN/CARLTON SWCD FORESTER

Kaysie Maleski will be starting on June 27, 2022

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Continuing to work on the Snake River Watershed Plan, sections have been approved, period for public comment etc.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

-2023 Budget is due July 25, 2022

-District Manager applications are open until July 1, 2022

Resumes for the District Manager position will be sent to the Aitkin County SWCD Board after July 1, 2022. The SWCD Board will meet and look over the applications on July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

-Project updates

-Cisco Lakes Grant ends in December

-Big Sandy 319

-1W1P Brainerd Watershed Kick Off meeting Camp Ripley

-Technical meeting July 1, Citizen Committee meeting Moriya Rufer, Consultant

-Itasca County, Mississippi Grand Rapids 1W1P/Sam, Janet

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN/FORESTER REPORT

-Forest Stewardship Plan updates

-Forest Consolidation/Carlton

-Private Woodlands Committee

-Snake River 1W1P

-Leanne Buck, Nature Conservancy on-line meeting

-River trails crew

-AIS Committee

-Work with DNR to put a map out where the decontamination units are.

-SWCD Forestry Association by-laws etc.

-DNR Cost-share \$300 is ending at the end of the month

-Landowner assistance, education, webinars, pesticide license

AMERICORP REPORT

-Rivers & Lakes Fair wrap-up

-CPL Grant/City Park

-Green Corp training

- Drone test passed
- HELP grant prescribed burn
- Area III meeting
- Website
- Talon/Sam & Stephanie
- Salo Township
- Last day August 12th or so

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT

- Buffer update
- Ag Inspector update
- Noxious weed inventory (Salo Twp.)
- Wagner Twp. (weed inspection)
- MN Dept. of Ag, Maggie
- Identified largest buckthorn in the city park along the river
- Rum River 1W1P
- Culvert inventory (Lakeside)
- No till drill
- Farm Island landowner/elevations taken, water issues
- Rivers & Lakes Fair, apprx. 280 attendance

BWSR REPORT (Chris Pence)

- 1W1P update
- Legislative updates
- BWSR Academy, Craguns
- Individual Development Plans
- E-link

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (Tom Gervais)

-Project updates

-A thank you to Bob Roseberg for allowing rainfall simulator training at his farm

-Aitkin NRCS UTV certified

-A thank you to the Board for participating in the Local Work Group

-Garett was selected to participate as a subject matter expert in Forestry for the National Food Production and Conservation to help develop the competencies and tasks for the 460 Job Series (Forestry).

AREA III MEETING/LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to reserve a spot in the leadership academy. Approved unanimously.

The next Aitkin County SWCD Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Aitkin County Government Center.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Bob Roseberg to adjourn at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock

Secretary