

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 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 via Zoom. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

Those absent were:

Roger Vogt, Chair
Bob Janzen, Vice Chair (Office)
Bob Roseberg, Treasurer
Tom Fasteland, Secretary
Frank Turnock, Reporter
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary
Kyle Fredrickson, District Technician/Forester
Tom Gervais, NRCS Soil Conservationist

Additions to the agenda were:

- Area III meeting
- Forestry meeting
- Forage & Grassland Council

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the agenda with additions. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Frank Turnock to accept the December financial statement. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved.

CHECKS WRITTEN

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the checks written. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved.

AIS UPDATE

A summary of AIS (2014-Present) is being put together and will be ready to send out in three or four weeks.

AIS article in the December Aitkin Age.

Discussion re: recruiting more inspectors for 2021. Tom Fasteland suggested the Hill City School newspaper might be a good place to advertise. The newspaper is put out monthly. Information needs to be sent in before the 15th of each month. Steve will put something together and send to Tom Fasteland before the 15th of February.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Tom Fasteland to nominate Bob Janzen as Chair. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved. Bob Janzen, Chair

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Frank Turnock to nominate Tom Fasteland as Vice Chair. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved. Tom Fasteland, Vice Chair

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to nominate Bob Roseberg as Treasurer. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved. Bob Roseberg, Treasurer

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to nominate Frank Turnock as Secretary. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom

Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved. Frank Turnock, Secretary

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Frank Turnock to nominate Roger Vogt as Reporter. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Frank Turnock, Tom Fasteland. Opposed: None. Approved. Roger Vogt, Reporter

DESIGNATE BANK & NEWSPAPER

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to designate Security State Bank and Aitkin Independent Age as the official bank and newspaper for 2021. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Frank Turnock, Tom Fasteland. Opposed: None. Approved.

2021 MILEAGE RATE

The 2021 mileage rate is .56/mile.

2021 MASWCD DUES/\$3380.41

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$3380.41 to MASWCD for 2021 dues. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Frank Turnock, Tom Fasteland. Opposed: None. Approved.

MCIT/\$11,259

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$11,259 to MCIT. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Frank Turnock, Tom Fasteland. Opposed: None. Approved.

MFA DUES/\$75

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve payment of \$75 to MFA. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fasteland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved.

MN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

There will be a MN Forestry Association meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2021 via Zoom. Discussion re: in person meetings when the McGregor Community

Center is open. Elections for the MN SWCD Forestry Association meeting will be held when in person meetings begin.

MACAI DUES/\$85

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$85 to MACAI for county agriculture inspector dues. Affirmative: Bob Janzen, Bob Roseberg, Tom Fastland, Frank Turnock. Opposed: None. Approved.

JOB APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Discussion.

2009 CHEVY TRADE-IN

Discussion re: 2009 Chevy Trade-In. It was bought with ½ AIS \$ and ½ SWCD \$. Trade in is \$10,000. Steve suggested that we pay AIS \$5,000. Frank suggested to check with the County. No motion made at this time.

The new truck will be bought with District Capacity funds, no AIS \$. If used for AIS we will charge mileage to AIS.

FORAGE & GRASSLAND COUNCIL

Discussion re: upcoming meetings.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

No meeting

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Steve suggested that we not have a February SWCD Board meeting. Hopefully by March we could have an in person meeting. The 3rd floor of the courthouse is now available for meetings.

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a voucher for Steve Hughes in the amount of \$189.82. Affirmative: Bob Roseberg, Bob Janzen, Frank Turnock, Tom Fastland. Opposed: None. Approved.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT (Janet)

The Brainerd WRAPS on hold, working through the amendment added an extra year for the contract. We will be working with a consultant to do a video, tour of the watershed. We will be ready to start 1W1P. There will be a meeting on February 2, 2021.

- Reporting in January
- 9 Key Element Plan/Big Sandy Watershed

DISTRICT FORESTRY/TECHNICIAN REPORT (Kyle)

- Forest Stewardship Plan inventory
- Job Approval Authority (JAA)
- Snake River 1W1P also have been attending Rum River 1W1P meetings (Forestry input)
- Drone-did a promotional video for the cross country ski trails
- ATV training class

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (Tom)

The Forage and Grassland Council annual winter workshops will be a virtual conference this year. There will be 20 presentations recorded and offered to the council in virtual format. Farmers can get together in small groups, view the presentations and discuss. There will be five locations with attendance limited. (Cook, Grand Rapids, Clinton, Carlton, and McGregor). Frank is working with the McGregor Community Center and scheduled for March 10th. A registration fee of \$10 and will include lunch.

- Update on conservation programs
- 2021 funding year
- No updates on staffing vacancies
- Closed to the public, can meet with customers in the field or parking lot.

BWSR BOARD CONSERVATIONIST (Chris Pence)

Did not attend meeting.

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST (Jake Granfors)

Did not attend meeting.

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (Sam Seybold)

Did not attend the meeting. Lori read Sam's written report.

There will be no meeting in February.

The next SWCD Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Place of meeting to be determined.

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Janzen to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Fasteland
Secretary