

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, August 17, 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
Bob Lake, Guest
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary

Welcome Bob Lake

Addition to the agenda:

-County Extension Agent

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Tom Fasteland to approve an addition to the agenda. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to accept the July financial statement. Approved unanimously.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

AIS UPDATE

- Inspectors through Labor Day-about 15 inspectors
- Level 2 (6 or 7) can run decontamination units
- Barbecue end of the year
- Dock & Boat Lift Incentive
- Cedar Lake/Zebra mussels

NRCS Report (Garret)

- Program updates
- Drought Disaster Programs through FSA
- NE Forage & Grassland Tour (Sept. 15, 2021)

PHEASANTS FOREVER/FY20 BWSR MATCH 7/1/19-6/30/20/\$6500

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to approve payment to Pheasants Forever for \$6500 (FY20 BWSR Match 7/1/19-6/30/2020. Approved unanimously.

PHEASANTS FOREVER/FY21 BWSR MATCH 7/1/20-6/30/21/\$6500

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment to Pheasants Forever for \$6500 (FY21 BWSR Match 7/1/2020-6/30/21. Approved unanimously.

COST-SHARE PAYMENTS

WARREN & KATHERINE DOCKEN, CEDAR LAKE/\$179.88/CISCO LAKES PROTECTION GRANT

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment to Warren & Katherine Docken in the amount of \$179.88. Approved unanimously.

TOM & KAREN DUFFY, PINE LAKE, WAGNER TWP./SHORELAND STABILIZATION & REVEGETATION, \$1714.49/FY20 DISTRICT CAPACITY

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment to Tom & Karen Duffy in the amount of \$1714.49. Approved unanimously.

GERALD FROMM, SUGAR LAKE/SHORELAND STABILIZATION & REVEGETATION, \$2403.75/FY20 STATE COST-SHARE

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment to Jerry Fromm in the amount of \$2403.75. Approved unanimously.

MARY COOK MURPHY, LONG LAKE/SHORELAND STABILIZATION & REVEGETATION, \$2950/CISCO LAKES PROTECTION GRANT

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment to Mary Cook Murphy in the amount of \$2950. Approved unanimously.

TIM GRAF, DAM LAKE/SHORELAND STABILIZATION & REVEGETATION, \$8733/FY19 DISTRICT CAPACITY

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment to Tim Graf in the amount of \$8733. Approved unanimously.

TIM GRAF, DAM LAKE/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, \$1777.50/FY19 DISTRICT CAPACITY

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment to Tim Graf in the amount of \$1777.50. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT (Janet)

-Video, Lone Lake

-Starry Trek, August 21, 2021

-9 Key Element Plan-1st draft has been sent to the EPA.

SNAKE RIVER RESOLUTION

Steve Hughes and Bob Roseberg attended the Aitkin County Board meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 to discuss options of governance for Snake River 1W1P. Three options were given and it was suggested that the 1st option Joint Powers Entity would be the best fit. It would keep the Snake River Board in tact and add

an elected Supervisor from each County. This was the option that was recommended to the County Board. Steve will draft up a resolution for the County Board by the end of September).

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

Pine County Shoreland Project that was done in 2018 failed, approved dollars to put in coir logs to help the situation.

MCIT/\$3101 DIVIDEND

A notice was received that a dividend of \$3101 will be received from MCIT.

2022 SWCD BUDGET REVISION

Discussion. We will be receiving the Con Con \$ that were shorted over the last years totaling \$23,900. Ag Inspector funds have also not been received but we are looking into those also.

OTHER

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Frank Turnock suggested getting a conversation going about the need for an Extension Agent in Aitkin County. Board agreed by concensus.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT (No report)

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN/FORESTER REPORT (Kyle)

- Stewardship Plans
- Forestry Video/BWSR Grant
- Interview with logger
- Invasive Species meeting
- 1W1P Snake River
- Training updates

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (Sam)

- Buffer update
- Gravel Pit update

- Dept. of Ag meeting September 1
- Planning & Zoning shoreland violations, training new employees at P&Z for shoreland violations
- Rum River 1W1P
- No Till Drill
- Wetland training/Sept. in Brainerd

The next SWCD District Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Place of the meeting to be determined.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

Bob Janzen called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

Discussion re: Staff needs for the next two to three years (1W1P workloads, Sam Seybold hiring full time, Steve Hughes potential retirement).

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fasteland to hire Sam Seybold as a full time SWCD Technician effective September 1, 2021. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Roger Vogt to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock
Secretary

