

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, April 20, 2021 at the Aitkin County Government Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. 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  
Steve Hughes, District Manager  
Lori Nelson, District Secretary

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

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes. Approved unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

#### CHECKS WRITTEN

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

#### AIS UPDATE

AIS Committee meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. A meeting was held last Thursday, April 15. AIS grant applications (AIS education and inspections) that were submitted were approved (about 15 applications). A discussion with Penmac re: current hourly rates and how we compare with other counties.

Aitkin County has fallen behind over the last few years. New rates were approved by the AIS Committee for 2021.

A 4<sup>th</sup> decontamination unit has been purchased. There will be a written agreement between Big Sandy Lake and the Army Corp. of Engineers and Aitkin County SWCD. AIS Committee chose to purchase the larger unit (400 gallon).

CHECKS OVER \$3000

NEPCON (FSC AUDIT)/\$3699

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Tom Fastland to approve payment to NEPCON in the amount of \$3699. Approved unanimously.

SHIRTS PLUS/\$23,400

A motion was made by Roger Vogt and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment to Shirts Plus in the amount of \$23,400. Approved unanimously.

MISSISSIPPI HEADWATER BOARD

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve payment to the Mississippi Headwaters Board in the amount of \$15,000. Approved unanimously.

AREA III DUES

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve payment of \$300 to Area III for 2021 dues. Approved unanimously.

NACD DUES

A motion was made by Tom Fastland and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$101 for 2021 NACD dues. Approved unanimously.

AMERICORPS RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Roger Vogt to approve signing the Americorps Resolution. Approved unanimously.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT (Janet)

- Newsletter
- Shoreland site visits
- Mississippi Brainerd WRAPS-video tour of the watershed, meant with the consultant and put together a plan.
- 1W1P Application/Mississippi Brainerd WRAPS  
A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Frank Turnock to sign a resolution of support. Approved unanimously.
- 1W1P Application/Kettle River & Upper St. Croix River Watershed  
A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to sign a resolution of support. Approved unanimously.

### MN BWSR REPORT

- Budget update
- 1W1P Planning Grants
- Teleworking July 1<sup>st</sup>
- BBR discontinued, cost-share grant FY 2022 workplan in e-link

### BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT (Sam)

- Buffer update
- Noxious Weed
- Working with Penny Stile on a Power Point/Spotted Knapweed
- Culvert Inventory update, finishing up Shamrock Twp.
- Planning & Zoning
- Rivers & Lakes Fair meeting on 5/10/2021
- Training, MAWC meeting with Ryan Clark
- Rum River 1W1P meetings

### COST-SHARE PROJECT PROPOSAL/MATTHEW CLUFF

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve a cost-share project application for Matthew Cluff, not to exceed \$1825.20 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

### DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT (Kyle)

- Forestry handout
- Stewardship Plans

### FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT (Jake)

- Easement Update
- EQIP Update

#### NRCS REPORT (Garret Christiansen)

-Jake introduced Garret Christiansen, new Forester for the NRCS. Tom Gervais was not able to attend the meeting. Garret gave the NRCS report.

#### SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

No report.

#### DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

-Budgets and Capacity funding

Personnel Committee meeting will not be held today. It was decided to schedule the meeting in May.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Aitkin County Government Center.

A motion was made by Tom Fasteland and seconded by Roger Vogt to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock  
Secretary