

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, May 17, 2022 at the Aitkin USDA Service Center. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Additions to the agenda:

- Tamarack Water Alliance
- Forestry meeting, Thursday, May 19, 2022

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

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

AIS UPDATE

Steve reported that AIS inspectors had started on May 13, at area lakes.

DISTRICT MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION

With reluctance and great appreciation of years of service a motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to accept Steve Hughes as District Manager. Last day of work will be July 29, 2022. District Manager job description to be posted.

CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD (MAY 17-MAY 30, 2022)

Tom Fasteland and Wayne Anderson are up for re-election. The candidate filing period is from May 17-May 30, 2022.

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

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve the rates for the Area III meeting and update the flier with North Star Lodge photo and inside of a room along with rates. Approved unanimously.

Single day \$55 no lodging

2 days and lodging \$140

2 days \$110 no lodging

AREA III RESOLUTION MEETING/JUNE 10, 2022

The Area III Resolution meeting will be held Friday, June 10, 2022 in Carlton. Wayne Anderson, Frank Turnock, Tom Fasteland, Bob Roseberg and Bob Janzen will attend along with Steve Hughes and Kyle Fredrickson.

Discussion re: Forestry resolution with Mille Lacs SWCD

AITKIN/CARLTON SWCD FORESTER CANDIDATES

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve offering Kaysie Maleski the Aitkin/Carlton SWCD Forester position at \$28/hr. plus \$1,000 medical allowance, PERA and other benefits. Approved unanimously.

Discussion re: pay rates for Lori Nelson, Janet Smude, Sam Seybold and Kyle Fredrickson. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Roseberg to approve increasing hourly staff \$1/hr. effective June 1, 2022. Approved unanimously.

HELP POLLINATOR GRANT

Sam applied for this grant and received the grant—3 yr. \$20,000.

COST-SHARE PROJECT PROPOSALS

STEFANIE & JEFF BOLKS, LAKE MINNEWAWA/BIG SANDY 319,
\$1350.00

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve a cost-share assistance contract, cost-sharing not to exceed \$1350 or 75 % of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

PAULETTE MANEMANN, CEDAR LAKE/CISCO CWF, \$2926.88

A motion was made by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve a cost-share assistance contract, cost-share not to exceed \$2926.88 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approved unanimously.

TAMARACK WATER ALLIANCE

The Tamarack Water Alliance would like to attend our June SWCD Board meeting. They have a slide presentation that they would like to show.

MN SWCD FORESTRY MEETING/MAY 19, 2022

The MN SWCD Forestry meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 in McGregor. Consulting foresters will be attending the meeting re: concerns about SWCDs, rates, etc.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Bob Roseberg)

How to organize, eventually bring to SWCD Board, County Board and local boards. Pass a resolution for organization, a couple of public meetings, review and make suggestions. Various stages of issues goals, etc.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

Discussion re: forestry project that Stephanie has started to organize.

BUFFER SPECIALIST REPORT

- Buffers
- Ag Inspector
- Rum River 1W1P
- Culvert Inventory
- Tamarack Church elevations
- No Till Drill
- Rivers & Lakes Fair

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN/FORESTER REPORT

- Forest Stewardship Plan Updates
- Community Ed
- Forest to Tap
- Snake River 1W1P
- AIS update

AMERICORP REPORT

- Website
- Forest Stewardship Plans
- Green Corp training
- Drone test
- CPL grant

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

- Conservation Program updates
- Big Sandy Watershed meeting-Dalton & Tom gave a presentation.
- Local Work group meeting
- Thank you to Wayne Anderson for being a part of the National Civil Rights review.
- Planning on hiring an Area Soil Scientist

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST REPORT

- EQIP update

- RIM update
- Snake River Watershed outreach
- BWSR Tech Talk
- Kettle River prescribed burn with DNR
- Pheasants Forever National meeting

NO BWSR REPORT

The next Aitkin County SWCD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Place of meeting to be determined.

A motion was made by Bob Roseberg and seconded by Bob Janzen to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Turnock
Secretary