



WASECA

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Approved Minutes of the February 8, 2018 Meeting

The meeting of the Waseca County SWCD Board of Supervisors was held at the Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District's Meeting room on February 8, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Scott Hildebrandt at 6:30 pm.

Members Present

Scott Hildebrandt, Vice Chairman
Todd Stencil, Treasurer
Jessie Shaffer, Secretary
Keith Morgan, Member

Staff Present

Eric Gulbransen, District Manager
Cheri Brummund, Office Assist

Others Present

Dale Krystocek, BWSR
Al Kraus, CRWP
Mark Leiferman, Waseca County Planning and Zoning

Review of February Agenda: The February Agenda was reviewed. Jessie Shaffer requested the Manager updates be moved to end of meeting because she would be abstaining from discussion due to interest in the position. A motion was made by Todd Stencil to move Manager updates to end of meeting and to approve amended Agenda, it was seconded by Keith Morgan. All-Yes

Review of Minutes of January Meeting: The minutes of the January Meeting were reviewed. A motion made by to approve the Minutes was made by Keith Morgan and was seconded by Todd Stencil. All-Yes

Review of January Treasurers Report: The January Treasurers Report was given to the Board members and reviewed. A motion by to approve was made by Todd Stencil and seconded by Keith Morgan. All-Yes

February Bills: The Board was given the current January bills and reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Todd Stencil and seconded by Jessie Shaffer. All-Yes

Old Business:

1. Manager updates-moved to end of meeting
2. PRAP Review Response Letter was discussed on the points of the SWCD Recommendation considering an assessment being done with PRAP funding after the new Manager hire. The first two joint recommendations will be taken care of when the Le Sueur 1W1P is implemented. The third joint recommendation given will be covered by partnering with Waseca Planning and Zoning to make our accomplishments available on the website.
3. Other-None

New Business:

1. P16-6073 2016-SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant Reconciliation-Cheri Brummund explained the corrections that had to be made to correct misinformation given in the past on using percentages on T/A time instead of actual hours. Since the percentages were taken in 2016, the dollar amount of the T/A time had to be deleted.
2. SWCD High Impact Self-Assessment Guide-The Board was given a copy of the self-assessment to look over for future use.
3. MASWCD Dues \$3139.42-Jessie Shaffer made a motion to approve the payment of dues and Todd Stencil seconded it. All-Yes
4. National Watershed Coalition Membership \$75-No action taken on this.
5. Tree Ordering Open House February 16, 2018 10-2(will need coffee and cookies)-Scott Hildebrandt made a motion for Cheri Brummund to purchase items needed for the Open House, Jessie Shaffer seconded it. All-Yes
6. NRCS Local Work Group Questions-Eric Gulbransen briefly went over the discussion questions and ideas were noted * see last page of minutes for discussion form answers
7. Other

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Pheasants Forever Banquet, March 24th 2018, 5:30 pm at Farmamerica-if membership request form comes before the next Board meeting, Todd Stencil made a motion to pay dues \$250-\$300, Jessie Shaffer seconded. All-Yes
2. GBERBA Executive Board Meeting - Friday, February 9-Blue Earth Ag Service Center 1 PM
3. GBERBA Technical Meeting to Wednesday, February 21-Blue Earth Ag Service Center 9:30 a.m.
4. MASWCD Day at the Capital - March 12-13, Hotel is Embassy Suites, Downtown St. Paul Phone 651-224-5400 for reservations \$135.00 per room-Registration \$80. Board members are to let Cheri know if they are planning on attending before March 1.
5. Other

Supervisor/Meeting Reports: Jessie Shaffer reported on the Policies discussed at the MN River Congress Meeting and also on the Le Sueur River Watershed meeting she attended.

Agency Reports: None

Old Business (Continued):

1. Manager Updates-Jessie Shaffer excused herself from the meeting. Eric Gulbransen reported that there were 8 applicants for the District Manager Position. The Interview process was set for Monday, February 12, 2018, 8-4:30. All 8 applicants will be interviewed. 7 in person and 1 telephone interview due to applicants location. Wayne Cords, Scott Hildebrandt and Eric Gulbransen would be doing the interviews. The Interview announcement was posted by February 5.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Board Meeting Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

February Bills

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| Steele County SWCD | Wages/Mileage | | \$ 2,413.75 |
| Clemons Properties | Rent | Mar payment | \$ 665.00 |
| Community Bank of Owatonna | Tyler-Cheri H SA | Mar Payment | \$ 566.66 |
| Sportsman Stop | Gas | | \$ 53.74 |
| John's Service Center | Oil chg /Tire rotation | | \$ 68.40 |
| APG of SoMN | District Manager Job Ad | | \$ 165.40 |
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| | | | \$ 3,932.95 |

*Waseca Local Work Group Discussion

What are the top 2 conservation practices that need to be implemented and why?

- 1) **Cover Crops**
- 2) **Water retention on the uplands (restored wetlands where appropriate, drainage mitigations, soil health principals, alternative crops rotations)**

(A close third) Nutrient Management - getting right rate at right time (i.e. move away from mostly fall applied N and move towards split application)

What is the top priority geographical area?

Iosco Creek watershed
Bull Run Creek watershed
St. Olaf Lake

The first two are identified as priority areas by the WRAPS and the county water plan. We are also currently monitoring at these two locations. St. Olaf Lake is a lake that is currently not impaired but is trending to be impaired in the relatively near future.

What are the roadblocks for producers to install conservation practices?

Amount of paperwork if requesting cost share
Lag time in funding (federal)
Unknown risks or fear of lost revenue (i.e. cover crops and nutrient management)

What is the best way to advertise all programs in Waseca County?

Field days/Demonstrations of practices

