



## **Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District**

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Approved Minutes of the March 12, 2020 Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting.

The Meeting of the Waseca County Board of Supervisors that was held at the Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District's Conference Room on March 12, 2020. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:30 pm.

### **Members Present**

Wayne Cords, Chairman  
Todd Stencil, Treasurer  
Larry Muff, Member

### **Staff Present**

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager  
Tyler Polster, District Technician  
Cheri Brummund, Admin Assist

### **Others Present**

Brad Krause, Waseca County Commissioner  
Haley Byron, Waseca County Water Resource Specialist  
Curt Russell, Landowner, 2019 Conservation Farmer of Year, Past Board Member

**Review of the March Agenda:** Todd Stencil made a motion to approve the Agenda and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes

**Review Minutes of the February Meeting:** Todd Stencil made a motion to approve the Minutes and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes

**Review February Treasurer's Report:** Larry Muff moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes

**Bills:** (see back) Todd Stencil made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes

### **Guest Request:**

1. Curt Russell would like to address the Board-Curt thanked the Board of Supervisors for giving the 2019 Conservation Farmer Award to him and Darlene and David last year. He said that it was very much appreciated.

### **Old Business:**

1. Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Membership Dues-\$2000.00-Mark Schaetzke explained what the membership dues would be used for and that future dues may change due to BWSR Grants may be available. Todd Stencil made a motion to pay the dues this year and review them next year, Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
2. Other

### **New Business:**

1. Annual Staff Reviews-Wayne Cords and Todd Stencel had given staff reviews prior to the meeting. Wayne Cords said that the staff should receive a 2.5% COLA and step increase. Todd Stencel made a motion to give the increases and to start them on the first pay period in April, (beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr) Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes
2. 4-H Donation-Last year we gave \$35 for specified award categories. This year they are going with Donor Levels:

a.	0-\$49	Green Ribbon Donor	e.	\$250-\$499	Silver Ribbon Donor
b.	\$50-\$99	Blue Ribbon Donor	f.	\$500-\$749	Gold Ribbon Donor
c.	\$100-\$149	Purple Ribbon Donor	g.	\$750-\$999	Reserve Champion Donor
d.	\$150-\$249	Bronze Medal Donor	h.	\$1000-\$2499	Grand Champion Donor
		i.	\$2500+ Supreme Champion Donor		

Discussion on if this replaces the project areas from last year. Cheri Brummund will find out, if so then a donation of \$50 will be given, if not we will put the \$50 toward specific project areas like Soil Conservation etc. Cheri will designate on form for the donation. Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.

3. RIM WO#81-19-W099-Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
4. Water Quality Certification Program for Karl Swenson-first step payment \$100.00-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All Yes.
5. Expenses for Cover Crop 101(March 17)-speakers, cookies etc. Wayne Cords made a motion to spend up to \$100 for speakers and cookies, Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
6. Area VI MASWCD Meeting-March 31, Winnebago Community Center, 140 Main St, Winnebago. 9 am registration \$14.00/Person. Todd Stencel made a motion to pay for anyone that would like to attend, Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
7. Cancellation of GBERBA Contract 319-TMDL-16-81-07 Terry Groskreutz \$1500.00-Larry Muff made a motion to approve the cancellation and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
8. GBERBA Contract 319-TMDL-16-81-08 Terry Groskreutz \$1500.00 Cover Crop Seeding-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve contract and Larry Muff seconded. All Yes.
9. 1(19)-Waterway Cost Share-Duane Lau-\$1200.00-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve Cost Share with funding from 2019 State Cost Share Grant, Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
10. Southern Region SWCD Admin Training-June 22 & 23, Mankato \$60 Registration(tentative\$)-Cheri to attend-registration and mileage-Larry Muff made a motion to approve Cheri Brummund to attend and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
11. Order Promotional items for fair etc. Pens, Suggestions for the promotional items were seed, fly swatters, back scratchers, pens. Cheri Brummund will get prices and information on all items and report back at the next meeting.
12. Other

### Supervisor/Meeting Reports:

1. Larry Muff had questions on water retention ponds for the area. He is going to check with other depts on all the information that is available.
2. Todd Stencel mentioned that he has been working with Jessica Beske on CSP.

### Agency Reports/Commissioners:

1. Haley Byron spoke on the Cannon Planning Project with deadlines in May. She also spoke on the Le Sueur 1W1P planning grant, acknowledging that Waseca County and Waseca SWCD will be the fiscal partner in the plan.

### Staff Reports:

1. Tyler Polster reported in the increase in tree sales for the year. Up 996 trees this year from last year. He also spoke on the Buffer Compliance noting that there are only 3 landowners who have not contacted him. Those will be sent to the County for enforcement procedures.
2. Cheri Brummund reported on the numbers of postcards sent out, emails and contacts that have been made for the Soil Health Sessions. She also stated that she had spoken with Paul at The Land Magazine. He will be happy to put our stories and press releases in The Land, when space is available.
3. Mark Schaezke reported on the meetings he has attended. See report on last page.

**Adjourn:**

Todd Stencil made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

March 13, 2020 GBERBA Meeting, Mankato Tech/Policy 9:30  
 March 17, 2020 Cover Crop 101, 2-4 and 6-8, East Courthouse Annex  
 March 19, 2020 Kernza Growers Meeting, 5:30-7:30 pm Dave Legvold Farm, 5103 315<sup>th</sup> St Northfield  
~~March 24, 2020 MASWCD Board of Directors Meeting, St. Paul CANCELLED~~  
~~March 24-25, 2020 MASWCD Briefing & Day at the Capital- CANCELLED~~  
 March 31, 2020 Area VI MASWCD Meeting 9 am Registration, Winnebago Community Center, 140 St S, Winnebago, MN 56098  
 April 1, 2020 Cannon River Joint Powers Board Meeting, 1:00 pm, Faribault

**March Bills:**

Clemons Properties	Rent	Apr Payment	\$ 665.00
First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$283.33 ea)	Apr Payment	\$ 849.99
Sportsman Stop	Truck Gas	March Statement	\$ 71.05
MCIT	WC Audit	Inv#WCAUDIT459	\$ 746.00
TSA	2020 Grant Match (\$1340.00) 2020 Enhanced Svcs (\$2210.00)	Inv#314	\$ 3,550.00
Matt Alford	I-90 Speaker	Inv#INV0058	\$ 500.00
Cheri Brummund	Mileage-Farmamerica 2X	Voucher #2020 CB1	\$ 16.10
			\$ 6,398.14

**2-14-20 GBERBA Tech**

The cover crop grant no longer has a cap on acres per producer but does need to be done by 8-31-20. Faribault and Blue Earth Drainage Authorities have some large \$ projects involving WASCOBS and grade stabilization projects as part of ditch system maintenance or improvement. The storage project on CD-19 received project specific approval from BWSR based on the revised concept plan I submitted. I have contacted the drainage authority to see if those proposed changes are feasible, what impacts to quantities and costs they may have, and if they are agreeable to the petitioners. I have been asked to do a presentation on this project to the GBERBA Tech/policy on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**3-9-20 Le Sueur 1W1P – Mankato**

The Group continued discussion on how the WRAPS and 1W1P could work together. Gained consensus from staff present to pursue Le Sueur 1W1P application for 2020. Group wants consultant to play less of a key role in this plan which means staff will need to do more. Haley is to gather MOU/MOA examples to use to show local support. Waseca Co is prospective Day-to-Day contact. Waseca SWCD is prospective Fiscal agent.

**Cannon 1W1P PWG**

Provided comments to latest version of plan. Currently at 253 pages of plan and 305 pages of appendix. BWSR staff review will not occur in time to make the March BWSR Board meeting, April meeting is cancelled so our new goal is May. Of interest is that the Policy Committee approved the plan to be submitted for agency review on 1-23-19. Topics of future discussions include plan status, workplan, communication, policies, WRAPs, and roles moving forward.

**Mike Jewison RIM Easement #81-32-01-01**

This easement was staked last fall due to consistent crop encroachment. BWSR has agreed to decrease their line to match the CRP line which appears to be the original intent of the easement. The landowner disagrees and would like the easement line to be moved to the current crop use line. The landowner has hired legal counsel to assist them in this matter.

**Iosco Creek tornado damage**

County and consultant are working through project specs and bidding documents. Anticipated beginning of work would be late fall/early winter of 2020 to minimize disturbance.