



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved Minutes of the October 15, 2020 Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting.

The Meeting of the Waseca County Board of Supervisors that was held at the Waseca County Community Meeting Room. This meeting room provided ample space for safe social distancing. The reason for this is due to the “Stay Safe” Order given by Governor Walz due to the COVID 19 Virus. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:30 pm.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
Todd Stencel, Treasurer
Keith Morgan, Secretary
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 Resources Specialist
Ciara Ahrens, NRCS Team Lead

Review of the October Agenda: Todd Stencel made a motion to approve the Agenda and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes

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

Review Minutes of the September Work Session: Todd Stencel moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes

Review September Treasurer’s Report: Todd Stencel moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes

Bills: (see back) Todd Stencel made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes

Old Business:

1. NRCS Office Space Contract and County-A motion by Todd Stencel was made to approve the move of the Waseca SWCD Office to the county office space, located at 300 North State Street by January 1, 2021 with Lease negotiations/clarifications to be carried to next meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Muff. All-Yes

New Business:

1. Grant Agreements-need signatures
 - a. 2021 SWCD Local Capacity Agreement-\$113,206-Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
 - b. 2021 Buffer Law Agreement-\$17,200-Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
2. RIM Master Joint Powers Agreement-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
3. GBERBA Cover Crop Contracts-New
 - a. Dan Gossman 319-TMDL-81-13 \$2618. of CS Total \$5236.00-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve on the contingency of available GBERBA funds, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
 - b. Scott Gossman 31-TMDL-81-14 \$3634 of CS Total \$7268.00-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve on the contingency of available GBERBA funds, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
4. GBERBA Cover Crop Contract-Completed
 - a. Karl Swenson 319-TMDL-81-10 \$2082.65 CS Total \$4165.31-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve GBERBA payment and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
5. GBERBA-MAWQCP Application and worksheet for Dan Roemhildt \$100.00 Incentive-Keith Morgan made a motion to approve and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
6. 2020 Resolutions Packet—Please fill out ballot and email it to Cheri by Nov 9-noted
7. Area 6 Officer nominations-noted
8. Riparian Protection Aid-A motion to approve continued to with the County on funding availability for Landowner Projects was made by Larry Muff and seconded by Keith Morgan. All-Yes.
9. GBERBA revised Joint Powers Agreement and By-Laws-noted
10. Self-guided Soil Health Tour-A motion to approve purchasing signs & literature holders for the Soil Health Tour and also giving the participating landowners a \$25 gift certificate was made by Keith Morgan and seconded by Larry Muff. All-Yes.

Supervisor/Meeting Reports:

1. Keith Morgan reported briefly on the Cannon meeting he participated in.

Agency Reports/Commissioners:

1. Haley Byron, Waseca County Water Resources, spoke on the Le Sueur Watershed Plan and it's progress. Boot Creek was also a topic discussed. LS1W1P November 5th meeting and also on the Cannon, that they are requesting full dues from partners this year.
2. Ciara Ahrens, NRCS, explained RCPP program availability.

Staff Reports:

1. Tyler Polster reported on working on CRP paperwork and has one questionable parcel left. He stated he would be working on the RIM Easement inspections in the coming weeks.
2. Mark Schaetzke wrote a summary of the meetings he has participated in. (see attached)
3. Cheri. Brummund reported she has been working on the Calendar, Website and also entering CRP paperwork.

Adjourn:

Todd Stencel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming events:

GBERGA Policy November 13 TBD both time and location
 MASWCD Convention-December 8 virtual.

October Bills:

Clemons Properties	Rent	Nov Payment	\$ 665.00
First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$283.33 ea)	Nov Payment	\$ 849.99
Sportsman Stop	Truck Gas	for Sept	\$ 78.36
Waseca County Auditor-Treas	2nd qtr insurance	Both Bills received together	\$ 8,858.61
Waseca County Auditor-Treas	3rd qtr insurance		\$ 8,858.61
Waseca County Recorder	Deed Copies		\$ 2.00
Peak Computers	Website domain- yearly fee		\$ 264.00
Supervisor Vouchers	3rd qtr vouchers		\$ 1,257.37
			\$ 20,833.94

9-15-20 Le Sueur River Watershed Network - Zoom

Small group provided updates on projects and initiatives. Trying to plan We Are Water exhibit around Covid. The Water Resources Center had received a McKnight Foundation grant and is pursuing a Fishers and Farmers Grant. They listed us as a partner in the grant application for \$43,000. Half of that amount was for cover crop seed and application, the remainder was for agronomist support, staff time, and outreach expenses.

9-16-20 – Le Sueur 1W1P Steering Team

Staff discussed next steps, ground rules, BWSR roles, timeline, next steps, and meeting schedule. The meeting went well and it was a good start.

9-16-20 Cannon 1W1P Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Provided updates on the plan, structure, roles, policies, workplan, and future meeting schedule.

9-22-20 South Central Technical Service Area (TSA) – WebEx

Since the last meeting one new Civil Engineering Technician was hired and one resigned. The increased need for engineering assistance and grant dollars currently available spurred a discussion on if an additional tech would be useful and if that position should be housed somewhere other than Mankato.

9-23-20 – GBERBA Tech – WebEx

Normal business of cost share projects and reports. They hope to be able to move some of the technical assistance dollars on the 319 grant to cover crops. This would help some of our recent applicants. BWSR has given the possibility of a second extension on the CWF MDM grant until April 30, 2021. This is better than Dec 31, 2020 but in reality, it leaves little time to get anything built.

9-25-20 – Woodville Pork Feedlot Site Inspection Team

Woodville Pork in Sec 11 of Woodville Township plans to build a new swine farrowing barn and discontinue using two of their existing barns. This would result in lower total animal units. One public comment was made about odor and water quality concerns.

10-6-20 – Area VI Manager meeting with MASWCD

Le Ann and Sheila from MASWCD lead a discussion on capacity funding, Clean Water Council, MASWCD annual meeting, MASWCD resolution process, and 2021 legislative update. The next legislative session is going to be a tough one with a projected 4-Billion-dollar deficit and it will be important to contact our representatives to voice support for the conservation work that SWCDs do.

10-14-16 – Cannon PWG

Reviewed updates to ranking sheets and discussed shoreline inventory process. JPB passed full dues for 2021. Staff to work on preparing a budget. Staff to continue pursuing Watershed Based Implementation funds.

Soil Management Summit (SMS)

The U of MN Extension decided to cancel any in person portion of the SMS. It will be held virtually.

Registration cost has been lowered to \$50. The county is still willing to pay for the registration cost of those attending.

Office repainting and carpeting

The landlord started to repaint and install new carpet on Saturday Oct 3 and is now completed. All our supplies, records, and furnishings had to be packed up and moved to facilitate these improvements. The process went well. New locks were installed today.