



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved Minutes of the June 13, 2019 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 June 13, 2019. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 7:45 pm. The Waseca Local Work Group with NRCS Acting DC, Reggie Liddell, was held in conjunction with the Board Meeting, beginning at 6:30 pm. Attached to minutes.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
Todd Stencil, Treasurer
Jessie Shaffer, Secretary
Keith Morgan, Member

Staff Present

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager
Cheri Brummund, Admin Assist

Others Present

Haley Byron, Waseca County Water Specialist
De Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner

Review of the June Agenda: Todd Stencil made a motion to approve the Agenda and Jessie Shaffer seconded. All-Yes

Review Minutes of the May Meeting: Todd Stencil moved to approve the minutes and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes

Review May Treasurer's Report: Keith Morgan made a motion to approve the Report and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes

Bills: Todd Stencil made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes

Old Business:

1. Annual Budget-Due June 28th-Mark Schaetzke presented 4 2020 Budget options to the Board. Todd Stencil made a motion to adopt Option #2 and also provide Option #4 to Waseca County for reference, Jessie Shaffer seconded. All-Yes (complete set of options available on request).
2. Resolutions-Tabled to July Meeting
3. Le Sueur River Watershed Restoration and Protection Cycle 2 Civic Engagement Plan and Contract-Authorization to sign. Jessie Shaffer made the motion for enter into the Joint Powers Agreement, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes
4. Other

New Business:

1. Conservation Farmer Nominations-tabled, the board will vote at July meeting.
2. Gaiter Lake Drainage Issue-City/County-SWCD, Noted-keep Board updated.

3. RIM Workorder Contract #81-18-W801 was discussed. Todd Stencil made a motion to approve updated worked order and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes
4. Ideas on Calendar Pages for 2020-The idea of Coloring Contest at the fair would be great for pages in the calendar. It was decided to let Cheri Brummund coordinate and assemble calendar.
5. Governance 101 Training September 12-13 Minneapolis/Bloomington Airport Marriott-for staff & Board members-no complete information as of yet-noted
6. SROC Agronomy Tour-\$35 Registration-Mark would like to attend. Todd Stencil made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes
7. Other-Jessie Shaffer gave her resignation to the Board. She will be attending the July Meeting, but moving after that to Alaska. The Board will seek a replacement to replace her until the next General Election in 2020.

Supervisor/Meeting Reports:

1. Jessie Shaffer spoke on MN River Congress Meeting, Watonwan 1W1P Meeting and GBERBA Meeting she attended.

Agency Reports:

1. Haley Byron spoke on Le Sueur River 1W1P Meeting, The Wetland Conservation Act and also the Water Testing she and Tyler are conducting. Haley did ask for other streams, creeks or rivers in the area that could be test sites for next year, since the 3-year test is going to be complete this year.

Staff Reports:

1. Cheri Brummund reported on the projects she has been working on over the last month, which included working on 2020 calendar, creating and setting up display for Farm America, Cost Share paperwork and letters to landowners, aiding NRCS in setting up files in the office and also working with County Extension Agent Amy Nelson for 4-H Ag Day.
2. Tyler Polster was not at the meeting but did have a report that was handed out to the Board. He stated all wildflowers have been delivered, Cost Share Contract Inspections had no compliance issues with 4 left to inspect for the year. There is a Grassed Waterway design that he is working on. Also, the Cultural Resources Training he attended to fulfill requirements necessary on becoming a Certified Conservation Planner.
3. Mark Schaetzke reported on the Water Resources Meeting he attended on the CD19 project. He also reported on the MOSH \$500 Scholarship he applied for and received for a Soil Health Field Day. He reported on the Cannon 1W1P Meeting and The Le Sueur Network Meeting coming up.

Adjourn: Wayne Cords adjourned the meeting at 9:33 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 17-18 Soil Health Training, Blooming Prairie (time/location TBD)

June 18 2019 Agronomy Field Tour, SROC, 8:00 am \$35 Reg

June 25 4-H Volunteering Ag Technology Day Camp, 9-3

June 25 TSA, Mankato SWCD Office

June 25 or 27 Le Sueur Network, 5 pm-8 pm

July 16, Area VI Meeting -Turner Hall, New Ulm 9 am-1 pm

July 19 GBERBA Policy/Tech Meeting

September 12-13, Governance 101 Training-Minneapolis/Bloomington Airport Marriott

June Bills:

Clemons Properties	Rent	July Payment	\$ 665.00
Community Bank of Owatonna	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A	July Payment	\$ 849.99
Sportsman Stop	Truck Gas	May Gas charges	\$ 171.13
Tyler Polster	Voucher#2019 TP2	Training	\$ 239.21
Innovative Office Solutions	Inv#2544715	Envelopes for wildflower seed	\$ 30.16
Ramsey County Corrections	Inv#COR-003258	Wildflowers	\$ 499.29
Mark Schaetzke	Voucher #2019 MS3	Training	\$ 182.10
Cheri Brummund	Voucher #2019 CB2	Mileage	\$ 38.15
			\$ 2,675.03

Waseca Local Work Group Discussion 6/13/19

Meeting was held at the Conference Room at 105 22nd Ave NE, Waseca, MN at 6:30 pm, prior to the SWCD Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Attendees:

Haley Byron, Waseca County Water Specialist
De Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner
Mark Byron, Waseca County Landowner
Wayne Cords, SWCD Board Chairman, Waseca County Landowner
Todd Stencel, SWCD Board Treasurer, Waseca County Landowner
Jessie Shaffer, SWCD Board Secretary
Keith Morgan, SWCD Board Member, Waseca County Landowner
Mark Schaetzke, SWCD District Manager
Reggie Liddell, NRCS District Conservationist
Cheri Brummund, SWCD Administrative Assistant

Not present, but submitted information:

Richard Androli, Waseca County Landowner
Tyler Polster, SWCD District Technician

The topics below were discussed in length of options of items that can be beneficial to Waseca County.
The group discussion ended at 7:45 pm.

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

1. Reduce water flow-create basins-slow down water flow
2. Cover crops
3. Reduce Tillage
4. Soil Health
5. Restore Wetlands
6. Grass Waterways & Terraces
7. Cleaning of Ditches
8. Control Building Site Runoff

What is the top priority geographical area?

1. Need 25% in water flow
2. Silver Lake
3. Iosco Creek
4. Bull Run
5. Le Sueur River Basin
6. Any HEL areas

What are the roadblocks for producers to install conservation practices?

1. Cost
2. Paperwork-too much and confusing
3. Wait Time
4. Risk
5. Something New
6. Need to get more information out there
7. Some Famers don't like being forced to do things-too many hoops and too much red tape

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

1. Word of Mouth
2. Educate
3. Offer Insurances-under Federal Programs
4. Wintertime Field Days
5. Seed Companies
6. Radio
7. Emails
8. Talking and meeting with landowners/growers one to one