



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved Meeting Minutes for the December 9, 2021.

The Meeting of the Waseca County Board of Supervisors that was held at the Waseca County SWCD Office Area, 300 North State Street, Waseca. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:35 pm.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
 Keith Morgan, Secretary
 Larry Muff, Member

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Ciara Ahrens, NRCS-on phone

Agenda

Review of November Agenda- Larry Muff made a motion to approve agenda and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.

Consent Agenda

1. November Minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. Approval of Bills

Larry Muff made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.

Old Business:

1. Estimated purchase prices for Drills-tabled until next meeting. Mark Schaetzke will get more definite information on selling price from Steele County and also replacement parts costs.
2. GBERBA - CD 19 Technical Assistance Reimbursement-Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes

New Business:

1. Approval of Disbursement of Funds for Le Sueur 1W1P Grant (October Bills):

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	10% Payment withheld	Disbursement Amount	Partner
October 2021					
10/31/2021	Inv#76562	\$ 7,024.75	\$ 702.48	\$ 6,322.27	ISG
11/12/2021	10-2021-WC	\$ 362.75		\$ 362.75	Waseca County
11/12/2021	10-2021-SWCD	\$ 309.03		Direct Charge	Waseca SWCD

- Larry Muff made a motion to approve payment of funds, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
2. Soil Health Day at Farm America in March-(Grant funding) March 4-\$350 rental fee. Keith Morgan made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

3. Riparian Funds-Cover Crop Contract 2021-1 Voucher-Dale Schweer \$1,200 Larry Muff made a motion to recommend payment, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
4. Riparian Funds-Cover Crop Contract 2021-2 Voucher-Bruce Johnson \$ 3,240 Larry Muff made a motion to recommend payment, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
5. Riparian Funds-Cover Crop Contract 2021-3 Voucher-Bruce Johnson \$ 520 Larry Muff made a motion to recommend payment, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
6. Riparian Funds-Cover Crop Contract 2021-4 Voucher-Wayne Cords \$2,000 Larry Muff made a motion to recommend payment, Keith Morgan seconded. Larry Muff-Yes, Keith Morgan-Yes, Wayne Cords-Abstained-Motion passed
7. 2019 Buffer Law Extension Amendment- extended to 3/31/2022 (needs signature) Larry Muff made a motion to approve the extension and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
8. Gift Card for Bock's-not an approved expense
9. Cannon 1W1P Amendment Discussion-Mark Schaetzke is to contact BWSR with a verification request to clarify the declination on Waseca Lakes
10. Other

Supervisor/Meeting Reports:

1. Larry Muff discussed the Tech Meeting he attended on the Le Sueur 1W1P. The Board explored the purposed of Technical Committees and Policy Committees.

Agency Reports/Commissioners:

1. Ciara Ahrens, NRCS reported on the technical committees she has going on through NRCS. Also the RCCP program still available.

Staff Reports:

1. Tyler Polster reported on projects and how they are finishing up.
2. Mark Schaetzke highlighted items on his attached report.

Adjourn:

Larry Muff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm. at the SWCD Offices.

Upcoming events:

December 12-14 –MASWCD Annual Convention-Double Tree Hotel, Bloomington
 December 16 – Le Sueur Policy-10:00 am Freeborn County Courthouse
 December 21 – Boot Creek Presentation-8:30 am Waseca County Commissioner’s Room
 December 24 – SWCD Office Closed for Christmas
 January 25 - 2nd Minnesota Soil Health Coalition Annual Meeting 8-12:30 Willmar Conference Center, Willmar-register at: <https://mnsoilhealth.org/event/mshc-2022-annual-meeting/>

December Bills:

First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$283.33 ea)		\$ 849.99
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 107.00
Waseca Cty Auditor Treasurer	4th qtr 2021	Insurance	\$ 9,251.98
MCIT	WC Audit		\$ 239.00
			\$ 10,447.97

11-19-21 GBERBA Policy/Tech Joint meeting - Mountain Lake

This was the first in-person meeting that GBERBA had since March 2020. Attendance seemed to be less than prior joint meetings. Of interest was discussion of a MDM plan and culvert assessment in Watonwan Watershed and if it was eligible for 1W1P funds. Tim Grant from Blue Earth County did a presentation on well sealing efforts.

Hwy 14 Soil Health Tour

Set to be March 1-4 with the Waseca stop on the 4th. Speakers include Don Reicosky on soil Carbon and agronomist Dorian Gatchell on transitions to soil health systems. We will likely do a short informational session on cost share opportunities. We are looking for local producers to either do a presentation on the practical side of soil health operations or on a panel. Funding to come from Le Sueur Civic Engagement through the MPCA. The I-90 tour will be in the second week of February, with the Albert Lea stop on Feb 9. We anticipate helping advertise for this event since they will have different speakers and Waseca landowners will likely attend.

11-30-21 – Le Sueur 1W1P Technical Advisory Committee

This was the first meeting of this group and was facilitated well by Freshwater. While attendance was good, participation and feedback were less than desired. This may have been due to it being a virtual meeting and participants trying to get a sense of what was going on. Priority issue statements and sub-watershed boundaries were reviewed and there did not seem to be any obvious opposition to what was proposed.

12-1-21 – Cannon Implementation Group (CIG)

MPCA did a presentation on anticipated water monitoring. The CRWJPB will likely contract with MPCA to do the stream water sampling. There is one location within Waseca County for stream sampling and we anticipate coordinating with P&Z to complete this work. Effort and expenses to be reimbursed by MPCA. Staff provided updates on the outreach and education plan, septic inventories, lake management plans, and shoreline inventory. Staff are working on revising the eligibility and ranking sheets. Soil Health effort to include a watershed wide soil health team to coordinate three events and three peer to peer groups throughout the watershed with some contracting going to Clean River Partners (CRP). We discussed our interest in pursuing a plan amendment to get the "Waseca Lakes Area" included in the "Lakes Area" for implementation eligibility. Next steps include meeting with BWSR staff to try to get a better understanding of staff effort, cost, and amendment requirements. We will need to consider if the effort and cost will be worth the potential future benefit of project eligibility.

WCA

One of the restoration orders has asked for an amendment for an alternative method of restoration that has been reviewed and OK'd by the TEP. An additional restoration order is needed for fill in a wetland next to a lake.

CREP

Application period is open with no current interested applicants. Two wetland restorations were completed in the last couple of weeks. Restoration was made easier by dry and warm conditions. FSA is still a bottleneck for payment processing and they have additional staff leaving.