



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

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Approved Minutes of the July 8, 2021 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. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:30 pm.

### **Members Present**

Wayne Cords, Chairman  
Scott Hildebrandt, Vice Chairman  
Todd Stencel, Treasurer  
Larry Muff, Member

### **Staff Present**

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

### **Others Present**

Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner  
Ciara Ahrens, NRCS Team Leader

**Review of the May Agenda:** Todd Stencel made a motion to approve with change and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.

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

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

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

### **Old Business:**

1. Call for Resolutions-MASWCD-Due July 21-no ideas for resolutions-noted
2. Le Sueur 1W1P Recommended Consultant & Contracting-Update-Mark Schaetzke reviewed the Contract Agreement stating that dollars from the 10% Contingency Plan will be needed. Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve with the stipulation that BWSR approves dollars from the Contingency Plan can be used at this time. Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes
3. Cannon JPB Dues-Tabled until the bill arrives
4. Other-None

### **New Business:**

1. Waseca County Fair Booth-\$125 for a 15x15 space. No one need be present at all times-Mark wants display the Soil Tunnel. Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
2. Supervisor Per Diem increase can go from present \$65 -4 hrs and \$75 +4 hrs up to max \$125. (Increase effective beginning date August 1, 2021) A motion by Todd Stencel to raise the meeting rate to \$75 -4 hrs and \$90 +4hrs and seconded by Scott Hildebrandt. All-Yes.

3. Signs at county lines – Sign Pro gave estimates of 18X24 one sided sign and installed \$135 and 36X72 two sided sign and installed \$600 and then also a mesh banner 4X8 \$150 or \$150 + \$75/hr to install. The Suggestion was made that other entities ex Pheasants Forever, Sportsman Club etc be contacted to see if they would donate to the larger board as in the past. Cheri Brummund will contact them before the next meeting.
4. GBERBA #319-TMDL-81-16 Scott Gossman Cover Crop Cancellation (Total \$7268.00 CS Cost \$3634.00). Todd Stencil made a motion to approve and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
5. RIM WO# 81-20-W099 Easement Delivery for \$5850.00. Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes
6. Project interest-Nitrogen Bioreactor and Nutrient Reduction Wetland Construction-Discussion-Determined that NRCS may be a good outlet for the landowner.
7. CRP Contribution Agreement with MASWCD for 30 Plans-Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve the agreement contingent on MASWCD approval and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
8. 2020 MCIT Workman's Compensation Payroll Audit additional bill will be sent for \$239 in December-FYI only-noted
9. Farmfest Presentation-slide show-Renville County SWCD will be displaying-ok to send
10. Ideas for calendar pages-4-H ers, Dairy Princess, Cover Crops, Practices.
11. Other-Consent Agenda-Wayne Cords brought up the idea on a consent agenda

### **Supervisor/Meeting Reports:**

1. Larry Muff attended the Le Sueur 1W1P Meeting and also had questions on the Boot Creek Project.
2. Todd Stencil attended 2 Le Sueur 1W1P Meetings.
3. Scott Hildebrandt turned down the alternate representative position for the Cannon.
4. Wayne Cords reported on a Landowner issue on the losco Creek.
5. No other reports

### **Agency Reports/Commissioners:**

1. Doug Christopherson reported that he had attended a demonstration on a Lake in Blue Earth County.

### **Staff Reports:**

1. Cheri Brummund reported she has been updating the website continually and working a presentation for Farmfest. Also on helping Extension with calls and walkin pickups and drop-offs of items and materials when Mattea is not there.
2. Mark Schaetzke reported on possibility of Soil Health Tours and other items on the attached sheet.
3. Tyler Polster reported he is working on Easement checks.

### **Adjourn:**

Todd Stencil made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

### **Upcoming events:**

July 16 GBERBA Policy Meeting 1:00 pm-Webex  
July 23 LS 1W1P Policy Meeting 10:00 am-Waseca Annex  
Aug 18 FarmAmerica-Soil Health Field Day

### **July Bills:**

First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$283.33 ea)		\$ 849.99
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ -
Waseca County	2nd Qtr 2021 Insurance		\$ 9,252.38
Supervisor Vouchers	2nd Qtr 2021		\$ 1,197.20
			\$ 11,299.57

#### 6-15-21 – Commissioner Meeting – Riparian Funds

The county commissioners approved the Riparian Funds program. SWCD to recommend projects and provide technical assistance that would be reimbursed. County to officially approve projects and pay any cost share.

#### 6-22-21 – Commissioner Work Session – Potential WCA violation

Discussed potential WCA violation involving a private citizen who conducted work on county property without permission. Answered questions regarding WCA authority.

#### 6-23-21 – GBERBA Tech

Normal business. Staff are setting up a framework for doing multipurpose management studies as part of the Watonwan 1W1P effort. Had discussion how to incorporate ash tree removal and replacement as a 1W1P eligible practice. BWSR stressed that it needs to be associated with water quality.

#### 6-23-21 – I90 & Hwy 14 Soil Health Tours

Interested staff along I90 and Hwy 14 discussed two separate soil health tours. Four potential stops on I90 and three current potential stops on Hwy 14. Looking at dates between Jan and Feb and potential keynote speakers. We have MPCA Le Sueur Civic Engagement funds to support this effort.

#### 6-24-21 – South Central Technical Service Area (TSA)

Staff provided updates on budget, grants, and projects. Tech hired last year appears to be excelling. They are still looking for an additional tech and the position is open until filled. Personnel received COLA and step raises.

#### 6-28-21 – Le Sueur Steering

Group went over proposed budget from ISG. Main concerns were to try to reduce proposed costs to match our grant budget. Staff identified efforts and expenses that were not needed.

#### 7-7-21 – Cannon JPB and Conservation Implementation Group (CIG)

Both groups met in person for the first time in approximately 17 months. There were a couple of new representatives on the JPB. JPB discussed budget and dues among other things. CIG discussed PTMapp efforts, education plan, budget, projects, shoreline survey, and reporting. BWSR has agreed to allow cost share projects to be encumbered in Tier 2 areas from the cost share policy but stressed to exhaust efforts in Tier 1 areas. Kristin Dieterman from MPCA provided an update on water sampling efforts for the Cannon.

#### WCA administration

I have spent a fair amount of time on WCA administration. Working with three potential violations, one notice of decision, and documentation from one road banking application from last year.

#### CREP

The batching period for 2021 closed on July 2. Unfortunately both projects I was working with backed out. One is pursuing wetland banking, the other is evaluating if they would get more money by selling the property.

#### Boot Creek Accelerated Implementation

Waseca County is anticipating the completed report and 6 preliminary project designs in the next couple of weeks. Tyler is making progress on the two grassed waterway and two water and sediment control basins that the SWCD is designing for the effort. This project has been delayed and altered due in part to Covid 19. I am not sure what Haley might have planned for when she gets back for public meetings and outreach, but nothing is planned while she is on leave.