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Approved Minutes of the May 13, 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. 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
Scott Hildebrandt, Vice 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, County Commissioner
Haley Byron, Waseca County Water Resources
Myles Elsen, NRCS Faribault County-on phone

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

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

Review April Treasurer's Report: Keith Morgan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Todd Stencel 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. Riparian Funds Cost Share Policy-Reviewed, discussed & suggestions made-Suggestions included
 - a. Cover Crop Cost Share-
 - i. Eligibility to read within ¼ mi of Riparian Land
 - ii. Commitment in years-Annual
 - iii. Compensation- Flat rate of \$40
 - b. Water Storage-
 - i. more specific on type of improvements

Haley will be taking this to the County Commissioners for more input and decisions - noted
2. Le Sueur 1W1P Priorities-changes
 - a. Bull Run is important because of size
 - b. Add only St Olaf

Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve with suggested changes and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.

3. Other-None

New Business:

1. 2022 Budget-3 variations were suggested, Todd Stencel made a motion to go with the #3 proposed budget with 0% increase from the County and an amount to go for practices depending on outcome through legislature, Should the Legislature not approve the current expectations then the SWCD Finance Committee will make decision of whether or not to go with option #1. Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
2. WCA temporary administrative services agreement with Waseca County-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve the temporary service agreement and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
3. Call for Resolutions-MASWCD-Resolutions must be submitted by July 21. Tabled to next meeting.
4. FY21 Technical Assistance Option for State Cost Share Grant-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
5. CREP Outreach and Implementation Request-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
6. RIM WO#81-19-W001 Bentley \$2000- Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
7. RIM WO#81-19-W002 Groh \$2000- Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
8. RIM WO#81-19-W802 Meyer \$500- Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
9. GBERBA Contract #319-TMDL-81-16 Scott Gossman-CC total cost \$7268-CS Cost \$3634- Keith Morgan made a motion to approve and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
10. 2021 Outstanding Conservation Candidates-3 more names were added. Board will call the office if they think of more names before the next meeting. Vote will be next meeting.
11. LWG Meeting Information and Topics-Priorities for meeting were discussed and rated. Myles Elsen, NRCS will be working with Ciara Ahrens, NRCS will be putting together a presentation on the Resource Concerns. This will be presented at the LWG Meeting next month.
12. MOSH Soil Health Demonstration-Mark Schaetzke reported that the MOSH Funding has been accepted. It will be a total of \$8000.00 for a 3 year study with Landowner Jason Norton on 4 plots in 3 fields.-noted
13. Pheasants Forever Sponsorship-Sponsorship is \$75.00 this year. Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve sponsorship amount of \$75.00 and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
14. Area VI Dues \$400-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
15. 2021 Fair Booth-a decision was made not to have a booth this year but to just have the rain simulator if available. Cheri Brummund will check with the Fair Board Personnel to see if a space would be available.
16. 2021 Fair Ribbons for Conservation Practices-we gave 9 away 2 years ago-still have some left-ok to give ribbons-noted
17. Coloring Books-for schools and Pens for giveaways-Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to have Cheri Brummund order coloring books and pens, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
18. Other-None

Supervisor/Meeting Reports:

1. Todd Stencel reported that he attended the Le Sueur 1W1P meeting.

Agency Reports/Commissioners:

1. Myles Elsen, NRCS, reported on EQIP Projects totaling 4 for Waseca County (2 Cover Crop & 1 Basin and 1 Waterway) He also spoke of CSP Starting.
2. Haley Byron, Waseca County Water Resources reported on Water Sampling started and also that she has hired 2 Watercraft Inspectors (1 for Reeds and 1 for Clear Lake)

Staff Reports:

1. Cheri Brummund reported that she has been getting things ready for easement inspections and the pricing for pens/books. Also working on 4-H/Extension calls and walk ins when needed.
2. Mark Schaetzke went through the items on his report, attached to the minutes. He also mentioned that the Waseca SWCD was mentioned BWSR May Snapshots and Tyler Polster was pictured in the MASWCD News.
3. Tyler Polster reported that he had finished with trees, with all orders picked up and that sales had increased from last year. Water monitoring equipment is in place and reporting has started. He has also been working on a couple WCA Projects also.

Adjourn:

Todd Stencil made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming events:

- May 14- 1 pm GBERBA Policy Meeting
- May 28- 8:30 am Le Sueur Policy Meeting
- June 10- 6:00 pm LWG (prior to our Board Meeting)

May Bills:

First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$283.33 ea)		\$ 849.99
Sportsman Stop	Truck Gas		\$ 78.47
Schumacher's	Inv # INV8234	Trees	\$ 6,519.50
Wolcyn	Inv#31022	Trees	\$ 8,455.35
Steele County SWCDS	Inv#2021-T-37	Trees	\$ 361.75
Lincoln Oaks	Inv#2850	Trees	\$ 752.08
Tyler Polster	Voucher #2021 TP1	\$ 55.86 Tree Supplies & \$ 20.72 Mileage	\$ 76.58
Bomgaars	16.07-Trees 9.10-RIM		\$ 25.17
Mark Schaetzke	Voucher #2021 MS-1	ATV repairs	\$ 98.55
			\$ 17,217.44

4-13-21 – Listening Session with BWSR, NRCS, and MASWCD

Virtual session for Area 6 managers with John Jaschke with BWSR, Troy Daniels with NRCS, and LeAnn Buck with MASWCD. Each provided an update from their respective organization and fielded questions from the group.

4-22-21 – Freeborn Area Soil Health Team (FASHT)

Group met to go over plans for the rest of the year. Tentatively are planning a field day in each county with similar format and speakers. Intended to take the place of a bus tour. The group is soliciting funds from other organizations for out-of-pocket expenses.

4-23-21 – Le Sueur 1W1P Policy Committee

This was their second meeting and was well attended including a number of BWSR staff. The group received timely and brief state of the watershed type presentations from Paul Davis with the MPCA and Brooke Hacker with MN DNR. Both presentations focused on existing data from the watersheds and resource concerns. They approved soliciting RFQs from 9 selected consulting firms for planning assistance with a due date of May 14. They chose to make it an invitation only process.

4-28-21 GBERBA Tech

Normal business including recommending our CD19 date amendment. A number of MAWQCP worksheets and certifications are coming in for Area 5 and 6. One BWSR contract and one voucher had some errors on them (not from Waseca Co) so GBERBA updated their contracting policy and quality assurance policy to address this issue. We had a presentation on MN Atlas – an online mapping service publicly available. It has many data layers available with the ability to save a map project and send it to someone else who can then start using the project.

4-30-21 – MOSH (MN Office of Soil Health) Soil Health Demonstration Grant

Working with Jason Norton, Ciara, Jessica, and Myles from NRCS, and Kim Musser from MSU Water Resources Center we submitted a request for \$8000 to support Soil Health research on 4 plots on within Mr. Norton's operation. FASHT and CRWP provided letters of support. This site would supplement the Cannon 1W1P soil health efforts nicely. We were notified yesterday that we were one of three applications selected. Next steps include getting landowner agreements and planning data collection.

5-5-21 – CIG (Cannon Implementation Group)

The group discussed many things of the utmost of importance. Among those items included eligibility and payment determinations on practices that overlap a Tier or watershed boundary, if soil health events can be held outside the watershed, dues use, and Tier clarification. Two soil health events are identified in Waseca County. Projects are starting to roll in which is good to see. At this point partners are focusing on projects in cost share policy Tier 1 areas.

5-11-21 – Le Sueur 1W1P steering team

Staff will be on a tight timeline to review consultant qualifications, interview, and provide a Consultant recommendation to the Policy committee by their next meeting. Current plan is to have Policy Committee make a recommendation on consultant to Waseca SWCD and then Steering Team make a recommendation on contracting to Waseca SWCD. Haley is coordinating who will fulfill her day to day duties while she is on leave. Kim with the MSU WRC attended to help the team further define the kickoff meeting and public engagement effort. It is currently planned as a virtual event late this summer.