



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved Meeting Minutes for the November 10, 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 6:30 pm.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
Scott Hildebrandt, Vice Chairman
Todd Stencil, Treasurer
Keith Morgan, Secretary
Larry Muff, Member

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Brad Krause, Waseca County Commissioner
Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner
Ciara Ahrens, NRCS-on phone

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. October Minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. Approval of Bills
4. Mn Dept of Ag-Nursery Stock License Renewal \$350.00 (due to 2021 gross sales over \$20,000)
5. Recognizing Darlene Kukuczka's name in to Annual Convention Luncheon as Retired/Deceased Employee of Waseca SWCD.
6. FYI-Insurance premiums have went down from \$633.00 to \$582.36 Single and \$1577.00 to \$1450.84 Family (Savings of \$50.64 Single and \$176.80 Family per month--Life Ins stayed approx. the same of \$2.83 for all)
Todd Stencil made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.

Old Business:

1. Other-None

New Business:

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

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	10% Payment withheld	Disbursement Amount	Partner
August 2021					
8/31/2021	Inv#75296	\$ 7,334.50	\$ 733.45	\$ 6,601.05	ISG
9/8/2021	9-2021-FC	\$ 90.42		\$ 90.42	Freeborn County Env Serv
9/10/2021	8-2021-WSWCD	\$ 393.38		Direct Charge	Waseca SWCD

Larry Muff made a motion to approve payment of funds, Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.

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

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	10% Payment withheld	Disbursement Amount	Partner
September 2021					
9/30/2021	Inv#75975	\$ 2,469.00	\$ 246.90	\$ 2,222.10	ISG
10/8/2021	9-2021-WC	\$ 1,276.33		\$ 1,276.33	Waseca County
10/8/2021	9-2021-WSWCD	\$ 136.48		Direct Charge	Waseca SWCD

Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve payment of funds, Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

3. 2022 CREP Grant Agreement-\$20,000.00-Approval-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes
4. 2019 Buffer Grant-1 year extension for equipment purchase possibilities-delegate authority to chairman to sign when paperwork is available. Todd Stencel made a motion to approve with emphasis on finding a Drill in 10-12 ft width range, Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes. Mark Schaetzke will get prices that will be discussed at next meeting.
5. 2019 State Cost Share-1 year extension-delegate authority to chairman to sign when paperwork is available. Larry Muff made a motion on extension and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
6. Annual MASWCD Convention: Mark would like to attend approx. \$ 400.00 (convention & meals & motel)-Jason will not be attending. Anyone else?-Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve payment for Mark Schaetzke and Tyler Polster to attend and anyone else interested, Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
7. H S A limits have increased for 2022. 2021 limits are \$3600/year now going to \$3650 in 2022. We are presently at \$3400/year (2017 limit). This would be an increase of \$20.83 per month per person. From \$283.33 to \$304.16. Wayne Cords noted that although insurance costs are lower this year, they may rise next year, so suggestions were made to increase to \$3600 a year. Larry Muff made a motion to increase amount to \$3600 per person, and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
8. Ordering of feet for partitions for around file cabinets, expense up to \$200.00.Scott Hildebrandt made motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded.
9. Update on signs-only 2 responses of interest. Do we want to do any signs with others or just do a smaller sign? Since there hadn't been many responses on, Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to order the two sided signs 72X36 size with just Entering Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District on one side and Leaving Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District on the other and having SignPro install them, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
10. Other-none

Supervisor/Meeting Reports:

Larry Muff reported on the Le Sueur 1W1P Meeting he has attended and also the on the Blue Earth County Well Sealing Program.

Agency Reports/Commissioners:

Ciara Ahrens, NRCS spoke of the EQIP Program, CSP and also MOSH Programs.

Staff Reports:

Cheri Brummund reported on receipt of Capacity and Buffer Grants, doing verifications for Calendar, Training through BWSR Academy and Efforts in organizing back office area.

Tyler Polster reported on Shoreline visit he did with Mark Leiferman, and that he'd be taking the Water Monitoring Equipment out next week.

Mark Schaezke highlighted items on his attached report.

Adjourn:

Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm. at the SWCD Offices.

Upcoming events:

November 19-GBERBA Policy/Tech-9:30 am Mountain Lake Community Center

December 3-LeSueur 1W1P Policy-10:00 am Freeborn County Courthouse

December 12-14 –MASWCD Annual Convention-Double Tree Hotel, Bloomington

November Bills:

First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$283.33 ea)		\$ 849.99
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ -
Peterson Company LTD	Audit	Inv#24707	\$ 2,900.00
			\$ 3,749.99

November 2021 Manager's Report

Cannon 1W1P

Staff submitted an invoice for around \$1400 for reimbursement of expenses and staff time for the Norton Soil Health Field Day. We are waiting for CRJPB approval of this to come out of Cannon 1W1P funds.

10-20-21 – GBERBA Tech – webex

Normal business with new projects under the Watonwan Drinking Water or Watonwan 1W1P grants. The multipurpose drainage grant has had funds in it but there have been no new projects for this grant in the last year. An increase in dues is proposed for 2022.

10-22-21 – LS Policy – Blue Earth County Government Center

The meeting was well attended with representatives from each agency. There was some confusion if virtual attendees could vote and it was decided they were not able to. BWSR provided additional info on open meeting law with emphasis on virtual attendance and voting. Bills were recommended for approval. A brief summary of the results of the kickoff meeting and survey was provided by Kim from WRC. We heard a presentation from Tim Grant and Scott Salsbury on Blue Earth County's well sealing efforts.

Oct 26-28 BWSR Academy webex – am only

- Rotational Grazing
- Before signing on the dotted line
- Fundamentals of Event Design
- Getting the most from your board

Gov budgeting

Agronomy 101

Sessions seemed to be well attended with around 60 people per session. As usual, some sessions were very good and some were not what I was expecting.

11-9-21 LS 1W1P Steering Committee – Webex

Staff reviewed 36 identified issue statements and made an effort to distinguish between issues that will be in the plan, issues that will be in the plan if time and money are available, and issues that will not be addressed in the 10 year plan. ISG has aggregated data and provided a summary of issues from all sources. The first Technical Advisory Committee meeting is planned for Nov 30th and we hope to get good input and some consensus on which issue statements to focus on.

CREP application period open

Please let me know of any landowners interested in CREP. Good candidates are areas that have history of drown outs, large buffers, and landowners considering retiring, selling property, or interested in wildlife habitat.

WCA update

One of the WCA restoration orders has filed for appeal with BWSR and the other was granted an extension. This will be the first appeal I have been a part of so I am unsure of what kind of time commitment this will take. We are anticipating another restoration order for fill in a wetland within the shoreland area.