



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting November 10, 2022

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 November 10, 2022 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
Larry Muff, Member

Staff Present

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager
Taylor Piotter, District Technician
Cheri Brummund, Admin Asst

Others Present

Mallory Malecek, NRCS
Lee Nachreiner, NRCS
De Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner
Matt Sommers, newly elected upcoming supervisor

Agenda

Review of the November Agenda-Larry Muff made a motion to approve agenda and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.

Consent Agenda

1. October Minutes
 2. Treasurers Report
 3. Approval of Bills
 4. 2022 MASWCD Annual Convention-Registration-for anyone wanting to go and meal payment for Brad and LeAnne if they would like to go.
 5. Office Lease for 2023-signature needed
 6. 2023 MN Dept of Ag Nursery Stock License \$350.00
 7. Other
- Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

Old Business:

1. Lidar Update-Mark Schaetzke explained more on the Lidar Project. Wayne Cords made a motion to pledge \$5,000.00 on Lidar mapping, Larry Muff seconded. Vote taken-1undecided-3 Yes. Motion carried.
2. Area VI Meeting-how many attending, Wayne Cords for sure and 3 Staff, the rest will call the office on Monday if they will be attending.
3. Other

New Business:

1. FY20 State Cost Share Grant Agreement Extension to 12/31/2023 approval-signature needed-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve the extension and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
2. FY21 State Cost Share Grant Agreement Extension to 12/31/2023 approval-signature needed-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve the extension and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
3. FY20 Buffer Law Grant Agreement Extension to 12/31/2023 approval-signature needed-Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
4. Closing of 2022 SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant-signature needed on Financial Report-Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes
5. Riparian Contract #2022-3 recommendation for payment \$4,948.00-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve recommendation and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
6. Riparian Contract #2022-6 recommendation for payment \$3,040.00-Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve recommendation Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes
7. Riparian Contract #2022-2 recommendation for cancellation from landowner request- Todd Stencel made a motion to approve recommendation to cancel and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
8. Riparian Application #2022-7 Cover Crops 85 Acres \$3,400 recommendation for approval-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve recommendation, no second was given-Motion dies. Due to parts of the contract applications stipulations not properly met, Larry Muff made a motion to deny application with Scott Hildebrandt seconding the recommendation to the County Board. A call for votes was made, outcome as follows: Scott Hildebrandt to deny request, Larry Muff to deny request, Wayne Cords to deny request and Todd Stencel to approve request. Vote passed as deny to recommend approval of request for application.
9. RIM 81-19-W803 \$500.00 Technical Assistance-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
10. RIM 81-20-W001 \$3,000.00 Easement Acquisition Services-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
11. Local Priorities Le Sueur 1W1P-Priorities must be made more specific. Bring back to next meeting.
12. FYI-2nd half Appropriations from Waseca County has been received-noted
13. FYI-RIM Wetlands signup-reminder-first batching period deadline is November 30th-noted
14. Other

Supervisor Reports:

1. None

County Commissioners:

1. De Malterer is going to inquire more to Travis Swenson, Waseca County GIS/IT on Lidar

Agency Reports:

1. Mallory Malecek, NRCS reported that Joel AliceHernandez will be leaving as Acting Lead and Jessica Beske will be the new Acting Lead for Waseca County. Applications have been closed and they are in the process of selecting a DC for the Waseca Office.
2. Lee Nachreiner has information he will be sending to Cheri Brummund to put on website.

Staff Reports:

1. Taylor Pottter reported that he had been working on Cost Shares and finished RIM Inspections and getting Trees ordered. He also mentioned that he learned a great deal at BWSR Academy.
2. Cheri Brummund reported on working on BWSR paperwork and getting things ready for Area VI Meeting, finishing up on calendar. She has also been asked to take part in the new elink processing before it goes live by BWSR staff.
3. Mark Schaetzke has a report that is attached.

Adjourn –Todd Stencel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Wayne Cords seconded. All-Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 by Chairman Wayne Cords.

Next Board Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 15 MASWCD Area VI Meeting-SROC 8:30 Registration 9:00-2:00 Meeting
November 18 GBERBA Joint Policy-Mankato Armory 9:30 am
November 30 LS 1W1P Policy Meeting –Blue Earth, MN 9:00 am
December 12-14 MASWCD Annual Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington

November Bills:

Keen Bank	Taylor-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$300.00 ea)		\$ 900.00
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 243.00
Peterson Company LLC	Audit		\$ 3,150.00
Cheri Brummund	2022 CB3		\$ 174.41
Taylor Piotter	2022 1 Taylor		\$ 208.85
Mark Schaetzke	2022 MS 4		\$ 236.78
			\$ 4,913.04

November 2022 Manager's Report

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Staff are working through the process of reviewing the plan and addressing informal comments from stakeholders. Several changes were suggested but none of them are major changes. Goal is to have draft plan ready for Policy Committee review in December. Future coordinator and fiscal continue to be discussed. A draft Joint Powers Collaboration agreement is being worked on with the Blue Earth County attorney. I have been asked to provide an update on the planning process along with Kim from WRC and Bailey from ISG at the upcoming GBERBA joint policy and technical meeting.

BWSR Academy – October 25-27 - Brainerd

BWSR Academy was very well attended and the first in person academy since 2019. Sessions I took were Change! Again?, Unique projects, unique funding, jumpstarting essential ecosystems, conflict resolution, shoring up shores, knowledge sharing, gear up for implementation, selling conservation, and build the best board.

Winter soil health workshop – tentative Feb 21 in Owatonna

Working with Freeborn, Steele, and Rice SWCDs to host. Hope to use Cannon WBIF, GBERBA, and Freeborn Area Soil Health Team (FASHT) funds to cover expenses. Jay Fuhrer, retired NRCS and one of the big names in soil health, is the keynote speaker. Plan to have additional speakers with a focus on practicing farmers.

MOSH Soil Health Demonstration site

Jason has completed the things expected of him for the Demonstration site for 2022. Soil samples were taken this spring and will be taken again this fall. NRCS had completed soil health tests this spring and again this fall. Lee from NRCS has agreed to attend an upcoming board meeting to present some of the temperature logger information. Due to a grant spending deadline of December 31, 2022 we will be looking to arrange a pre-payment agreement with Jason for 2023 and 2024 expenses. At the time of application we were unaware of this grant deadline.