



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting October 13, 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 October 13, 2022 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:30 pm.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
Todd Stencil, Treasurer
Larry Muff, Member

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Mallory Malecek, NRCS

September Agenda

Review of the October Agenda-A suggestion of an order change for new business as to moving #5 & #10 toward the end of listing. Todd Stencil made a motion to approve agenda with the change and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

Consent Agenda

1. September Minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. Approval of Bills
4. Other

Larry Muff made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.

Old Business:

1. Lidar Request-More information-Todd Stencil made a motion to table the idea of the Lidar Project to obtain more accurate information was available. Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
2. Other

New Business:

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

| Inv Date | Invoice # | Invoice Amount | 10% Payment withheld | Disbursement Amount | Partner |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| August 2022 | | | | | |
| 8/31/2022 | Inv#84792 | \$4,911.00 | \$491.10 | \$4,419.90 | ISG |
| 9/12/2022 | 8-2022-WC | \$550.84 | | \$550.84 | Waseca County |
| 9/7/2022 | 8-2022-WSWCD | \$247.31 | | \$247.31 | Waseca SWCD |

Todd Stencil made a motion to approve disbursements and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

2. 2023 SWCD Local Capacity Grant Agreement \$122,520.00 Approval-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
3. 2023 Buffer Law Grant Agreement \$17,000.00 Approval-Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
4. 2023 Soil Health Cost Share Grant \$14,175.00 Approval-Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
5. **Non-Structural Land Management Policy -moved**
6. 2021 1W1P 50% Spending Point approval-signature required on Interim Financial Report to be submitted for BWSR Reconciliation to request next step of 40% (\$92,559.20) part of Grant. Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
7. GBERBA Soil Health Grant Policy-Noted-Targeted Mailing to landowners.
8. Riparian Funds Contract 2022-5 recommendation of Payment \$2,564.00- Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
9. 2021 Audit Draft Approval- Todd Stencel made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
10. **2022 Resolutions -moved**
11. Insurance Benefits Premiums for 2023 will be: \$611.48 Employee only (Taylor & Cheri) and \$1,523.38 Family (Mark Only) *The premiums are presently \$585.19 Employee only and \$1453.67 Family (Mark Only)* Also there is a program called NICE Healthcare being offered at a cost of \$33.00/month. It covers your whole household and is a virtual/in home care. *Ex: you think you may have broken your ankle—a certified technician comes to your home to take your x-ray and no cost, or you may need an antibiotic for a sore throat, if deemed necessary, a technician can come to your home and take a throat culture or blood test at no extra cost and prescribe an antibiotic. This is 'if one takes all take it' as a group. The County already has it.* Continue with County Insurance Benefits but wait on the NICE until further information can be looked into. No vote necessary on County Insurance Benefits-continue with County.
12. November Area VI Meeting-Door Prize Spending-Door prize up to \$50- Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Todd Stencel seconded. All-Yes.
13. November Area VI Meeting Registration of \$20/per person Todd Stencel made a motion to approve payment for anyone that wanted to attend, Larry Muff seconded. All Yes. Suggestion of also including newly elected Supervisors to attend and also pay for their registration-Todd Stencel approved and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
14. MN Soil Health Coalition (MSHC)-\$10/Ac Cost Share Program-Information
15. Waseca County 4-H 2022 Achievement Celebration Sunday Oct 23 5:00 pm at the Mill, Meal tickets-\$12/per person-noted
16. FYI-Thank you from Gerald Stencel family for the flowers.
17. National Association of Conservation Districts Dues & update form information Todd Stencel made a motion to not pay National Dues and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
18. Other
 5. **Non-Structural Land Management Policy**-some changes can be made on #4 Strip till \$40, Interseeding/over winter \$50, No till \$20. Or Average 3 year signup - payment would go by Iowa State Standards and payments based on signup year.—See what BWSR says and come back to discuss at next meeting.
10. **2022 Resolutions**-complete and send back to Cheri Brummund as soon as possible.

Supervisor Reports:

1. Larry Muff spoke on the Le Sueur 1W1P Policy Meetings. He expressed concern over the way discussions were handled at the last Policy Meeting. He stated that the decision was made at the meeting to go the Collaborative Route instead of the Entity Route.

County Commissioners: No Commissioners Present

Agency Reports:

1. Mallory Malecek, NRCS reported that CRP Contracts were complete and inspections on going. Joel Alice Hernandez is the current Acting Lead for Waseca County. Applications have been closed and they are in the process of selecting a DC for the Waseca Office.

Staff Reports:

1. Taylor Piotter reported that he has been working on RIM Inspections and also doing some training.

2. Cheri Brummund reported on working on BWSR paperwork and getting things ready for Area VI Meeting.
3. Mark Schaetzke has a report that is attached.

Adjourn –Wayne Cords made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 by Chairman Wayne Cords.

Next Board Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 23 Le Sueur 1W1P Policy Meeting, Faribault County Blue Earth MN 9:00
 November 15 MASWCD Area VI Meeting-SROC 8:30 Registration 9:00-2:00 Meeting

October Bills:

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Keen Bank | Taylor-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$300.00 ea) | | \$ 900.00 |
| Bock's | Truck Gas | | \$ 133.26 |
| Supervisor Vouchers | 3rd Qtr 2022 | | \$ 1,296.09 |
| Waseca County Aud/Tr | 3rd Qtr 2022 Ins | | \$ 7,591.65 |
| Waseca County Aud/Tr | Background ck on Taylor | | \$ 38.00 |
| Peak Computers | annual website fee | Inv#7075 | \$ 264.00 |
| Waseca County Recorder | Easement Recording 81-03-20-01 | Inv#20200000044 | \$ 46.00 |
| Bomgaars | flags & Inflatior AC Cord | inv#81531606 | \$ 61.40 |
| | | | \$ 10,330.40 |

Oct 2022 Manager's Report

BWSR Grant extensions

I have inquired about grant extensions for the 2020 State Cost Share, 2021 State Cost Share, and 2020 Buffer law grant. We have two pending projects in the State Cost Share Grants and one has a good likelihood of not getting completed this year. Due to Staff turnover we have a substantial amount of funds left in the Buffer grant.

LS 1W1P

Draft plan is out for staff and technical advisory committee review. Total of 358 pages with 188 pages of plan and the balance in Appendixes. Staff and advisory to make comments and ISG to make edits. ISG to present plan to Policy Committee likely in November. LS Policy chose to pursue a collaboration for plan implementation. Current volunteers include Blue Earth SWCD for fiscal and coordinator with conditions, Waseca County for fiscal and coordinator, and Waseca SWCD for fiscal. Staff met to discuss fiscal and coordinator positions but did not come to a recommendation yet.

Soil Health Winter Workshop

Proposed location change to Owatonna with Steele, Freeborn, and Rice partners. There would not be one in Albert Lea then. Proposed dates are in February. No confirmed speakers yet.

South Central Technical Service Area (SCTSA) – Sept 20 – Mankato

Normal business of reviewing bills, grants, and projects. They are up to three staff now with one former staff coming back because of the pay raise approved at the last meeting. One position has yet to be filled and has been open for more than a year. Looking for a civil engineering technician.

Area 6 Manager's meeting – Sept 29 – Nicollet

Had a good discussion on a variety of topics including Health Insurance, Supervisor Training, employee evaluations, Human resources, local county levy, technical training team, 1W1P workloads, and LiDAR acquisition.

Cannon 1W1P

Submitting work plan for second WBIF grant that includes one large conservation drainage project in Le Sueur County. \$1,028,658 total grant amount and requires 10% match. Haley and I completed data collection for the shoreline survey on Toner's lake. Other planned lakes will be completed by drone.