



MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 by teleconference from remote locations.

Chairperson Youngkrantz called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m.

Joining the meeting were Ron Dilley, Doug Hanson, Brandon Smith, Donnel Williamson, and Jane Youngkrantz. Also joining the meeting were Ellie Dittes, Conservation Technician, Sandy Laumer, Office Manager, Ryan Peterson, RIM Coordinator, Rick Reimer, District Administrator, and Jeremy Maul, BWSR Board Conservationist.

Chairperson Youngkrantz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vouchers will be prepared by Laumer.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2020. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was completed and voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Smith read through the bills for reviewal and payments and presented the Treasurer's Report and Outstanding Bills as listed in the agenda. A motion was made by Dilley, second by Hanson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was completed and voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Laumer read Dickman's NRCS Report which included:

- CSP Renewal deadline to obligate funds is May 15th and have 11 applications that are being funded
- CSP General application deadline is May 29 and have received 34 applications
- EQIP ranking deadline is May 2nd and have received 29 applications
- and EQIP Emergency Mortality for Swine and non-swine deadline is May 22 and have received 3 applications for each funding pools for a total of 6.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve buffer cost share contract BC 48FY18 Doug Peterson in the amount of \$667.50. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was completed and voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Smith to approve buffer cost share contract BC 54FY18 Dave Ammerman in the amount of \$300. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was completed and voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Dilley, second by Smith to approve buffer cost share contract BC 38FY18 David Landin in the amount of \$196.50. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was completed and voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Dittes discussed staff is still working on cover crop policy but is considering flat rates of \$35 for 1 specie and \$40 for multiple species and setting 40 acres maximum. Hanson suggested starting the program out small and setting a 25-acre maximum. Hanson also discussed funding sources and setting priority for landowners that have not done cover crops. Smith agreed we should start small and allow landowner to rotate fields for multi- year contracts. Williamson also agreed we should allow landowners to rotate fields for multi-year contracts. Hanson suggested Dittes and Laumer put together policy for the book and bring to next meeting.

Discussion was held on the signs and they were previously approved by the board to purchase so Reimer will get them ordered and installed.

Discussion was held on the COVID-19 office policy and staff will continue to follow the NRCS policy. NRCS is now allowing 2 or more staff in the office depending on the layout of the office and following social distancing guidelines.

Discussion was held on Conservation Farmer nominations which included: have until August to send nomination; Sue Stanley or Ken Hess are possible nominations; and staff will write summaries on the possible nominations and it will be discussed at next meeting.

The following Election filing information was discussed: the filing dates are May 19th -June 2nd; Dilley, Hanson, and Youngkrantz need to file; County building currently isn't letting people into the building to file but may open by appointment; and Laumer has been talking to County and Supervisors could print Affidavit of Candidacy form and fill it out and have Laumer notarize form and mail it in.

Staff and Supervisors reviewed the posters submitted for the poster contest. The top 3 posters were picked and Dittes will notify the teachers of the winners.

Reimer's District Administrator Report included: tree handout went well; 3 tree plantings left; will be starting fabric this week; had multiple 1W1P teleconference calls; had teleconference call with DNR on permitting changes; worked with County on Windbreak project; WCA Technical panel; attended staff meeting; attending SWCD board meeting; listened to Conference call with BWSR, MASWCD, and NRCS and funding could see 25% reduction in Clean water funds; and listed top 5 priorities for projects.

Maul reported that he had conference call and it has now been discussed that it could be a 10% reduction to Clean Water funds instead of 25% reduction.

Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to approve resolution Expressing and Intent to Participate in One watershed Planning and Supporting a Planning Grant Application for South Fork Crow River. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was completed and voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Dittes's staff reported included: working on MAWQCP applications and will be meeting with landowners to get more information; writing news releases for newly certified MAWQCP landowners; working on buffer cost share contracts; Earth Day was cancelled and they are asking agencies to pay \$58 towards expenses; and have Hawk Creek 1W1P teleconference tomorrow.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to pay \$58 for Earth Day expenses. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was completed and voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Peterson's staff report included: working on CREP and have 3-4 more applications; working on CREP Request for interest for 2021-2022 and will be submitting request for \$129,000; started seeding and have 19 sites done for 284 acres; have 15 more seed only orders; donated 1 acre of monarch seed to KMS School; Troy Everson WASCOD project is completed and will meet with him to complete cost share project paperwork; and is working with Gustafson on WASCOD project and plan to complete project this fall.

Laumer's staff report included: got staff and board meetings set up through zoom; listened to MASWCD webinar on SWCD and Paid Leave Requirements; listened to recording of BWSR, MASWCD, NRCS Conference call; helped with the tree handout; invoicing tree plantings and helping sell remaining trees; and preparing invoices for seed and completed seedings.

Maul reported that there is currently a hiring freeze and he will continue to be our Board Conservationist.

Hanson reported that there will be a North Fork Policy teleconference tomorrow.

Youngkrantz reported that she spoke with landowner on a cancelled Kandi Creek project and they may want to complete the project and will work with Peterson on project and getting some trees.

Motion by Dilley, second by Williamson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

 6/16/20

Ron Dilley, Secretary Date