



## 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, June 16, 2020 in the Kandiyohi SWCD shed.

Chairperson Youngkrantz called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Ron Dilley, Doug Hanson, Brandon Smith, Donnel Williamson, and Jane Youngkrantz. Also present were Ellie Dittes, Conservation Technician, Sandy Laumer, Office Manager, and Rick Reimer, District Administrator.

Chairperson Youngkrantz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vouchers were prepared.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 12, 2020. Discussion was held. 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 Hanson, second by Dilley to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Laumer read Dickman's NRCS Report which included: 36 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) applications; 11 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) renewal applications; 46 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) general applications and deadline for assessment moved to July 26; and have 20 RCPP-CSP applications and deadline for assessment is moved to July 26.

The Cover Crop Policy was reviewed, and the following changes were discussed: max per landowner per year should be \$1,000; spelling error on excess growth; and should be able to graze. Also, it was discussed that a Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implementation Plan needs to be written and approved by BWSR before the end of the month to be able to move forward with Cover Crop Policy.

Motion by Hanson, second by Smith to approve Cover Crop Policy with suggested changes. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Reimer led discussion on the new signs and reported that he is contacting landowners to be able to put up the 4 signs. The location of the 4 signs will be East Hwy 12 by Atwater; West Hwy 40; Hwy 7 by Lake Lillian; and North Hwy 23.

Laumer discussed that the Local Work Group Meeting was last week through Zoom and Resource concerns were ranked and the minutes were given to NRCS.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to pay buffer cost share contracts:

- BC 20FY18 Lloyd Koeberl for \$543 with slippage of \$212
- BC 21FY18 Thomas Koeberl for \$77
- BC 19FY18 Wayne Netland for \$802.50 with slippage of \$0.50
- BC 52FY18 Bruce Lamacker for \$105
- BC 55FY18 Philip Hauge for \$375
- BC 51FY18 Ross Hagen for \$244.50 with slippage of \$0.50
- BC 50FY18 Alan Tersteeg for \$117
- BC 16FY18 Marlo Macik for \$1,660.50 with slippage of \$366.50
- BC 67FY18 Mike Stamer for \$651
- BC 7FY18 Dean Shuck for \$234 with slippage of \$234

Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Dilley, second by Williamson to cancel buffer cost share contracts:

- BC 2FY18 Eugene Hauer for \$1,158
- BC 13FY18 Brad Melberg for \$240
- BC 28FY18 Hanson Brothers for \$2,359.50
- BC 29FY18 Dale Stamer/Fagen Farms for \$159
- BC 30FY18 Dale Stamer for \$314
- BC 31FY18 Dale Stamer/Bohnsack for \$371
- BC 32FY18 Jeff Kragenbring for \$75
- BC 34FY18 Curtis Johnson for \$83
- BC 35FY18 John Erickson for \$137
- BC 37FY18 Jeff Pagel for \$78
- BC 45FY18 Dan Ohden for \$300
- BC 47FY18 John Thompson for \$411
- BC 53FY18 HSP/RDP Farms for \$282

Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Conservation Farmer Nominations and staff will put together more information on the top 4 nominations for the next meeting.

The Kandiyohi SWCD COVID-19 Preparedness Plan was reviewed, and it was discussed to add it is suggested to wear masks in the plan. Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve the Kandiyohi SWCD COVID- 19 Preparedness Plan with the discussed change. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

The Telework Policy was reviewed by the board and it was discussed to make the change that employees must get approval to telework from Administrator. Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve Telework Policy with the discussed change. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

The Quarterly Review of the Annual Plan was reviewed and Laumer will update the report with the discussed change.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve the 2021 Budget. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Smith to approve the North Fork Crow River Agreement. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve the North Fork Crow River Watershed Collaborate Agreement Resolution. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Dilley, second by Williamson to approve Chippewa River Watershed Association Joint Powers Agreement. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Reimer's District Administrator report included: Hawk Creek Steering Team Meeting; Hawk Creek Policy Meeting; Hawk Creek Measurable Goals Meeting; North Fork 1W1P Tech Meeting; Chippewa Local Group Meeting; Chippewa River Restoration and Protection Plan; trees and fabric completed; WCA TEP Panel Meeting; 4 lakeshore visits; Shakopee Creek Streambank Stabilization Project; attended staff meeting; County Park #5 Pre Construction meeting; County Park #5 Construction; contacting landowners to be able to put up new signs; and having a AIS Meeting through Zoom.

Dittes staff report included: working with multiple landowners on MAWQCP; finishing up on buffer cost share contracts; Walk in Access (WIA) was open for 2 weeks and signed up one new contract; attending Hawk Creek Meetings; have Hydrology training today and Thursday; sent newspaper articles to Lake Lillian and West Central Tribune; will be on Conservation Conversation on August 5<sup>th</sup>; and worked on cover crop policy.

Laumer's Staff report included: worked on pay equity compliance; put together COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, telework policy, 2021 Budget, and helped with Cover Crop Policy; had grants reconciliation on CREP Grant; having 2019 Audit done remotely this week; BWSR sent schedule for audits to be reviewed by State Auditor Office and our 2020 audit will be reviewed by the State; working on invoices for tree plantings and seedlings; and discussed savings account at Kensington Bank having no activity for years.

Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to close account at Kensington Bank and combine with Home State Bank. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Peterson was unable to attend the meeting so Laumer handed out his written staff report which included: seed program is going well with approximately 890 acres completed and 290 acres remaining to seed; 2 CREP applications were approved; met with Chris Dahline on project and TSA workload is projected out about 2-3 months; had to get new tires on truck; and would like to take four wheeler in for a tune up.

Smith led discussion on having a special board work meeting and the meeting will be Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the shed.

Youngkrantz led discussion on email received from Sheila Vanney sent about project funding extension which is important for SWCDs receiving CREP funding.

Dittes reported that she had received new well monitoring agreement and will be signing it.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Ronald Dille      7/4/20  
Ron Dilley, Secretary      Date