



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, October 20, 2020 at the Log Cabin at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds.

Chairperson Youngkrantz called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

Chairperson Youngkrantz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vouchers were prepared.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Hanson, second by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 8, 2020. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

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

Dickman's written NRCS Report included: working on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) renewals and 2020 payments; Memo of Agreement (MOA) is ready for signature; Dan Jarosz is back on the Willmar Team; and new Soil Conservationist has been chosen but start date hasn't been set.

Motion by Hanson, second by Dilley to approve contract WP 3FY19 Steve Freidlein Wetland Restoration project in the amount of \$1,553.50. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to approve contract WP 2FY19 Craig Ideker WASCOD project in the amount of \$5,555.25. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Dilley to approve State cost share contract 2FY19 Howard Johnson Manure Pit Closure project in the amount of \$3,000. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Reimer spoke with MN DOT and a few landowners on place for new sign on North Hwy 23 and will continue to keep working on finding spot for sign.

Faber discussed that 3 bids were received for the newsletter to be printed and mailed and Speedy Print had the lowest price and a draft copy of the newsletter was handed out to review. Youngkrantz will write article for the newsletter and send it to Faber by the end of the week.

Laumer discussed there have been no changes to the COVID-19 Office Policy and the office is still at Phase 1 and no one can come into the building.

Future Board meeting locations and dates were discussed, and the consensus was to keep the meeting the second Tuesday of the month and staff will look into having the meeting at the Historical Society or the Lake Andrew Townhall.

MASWCD resolutions were completed and the ballots were turned in to Laumer and she will mail the ballot.

Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to approve the 2021 SWCD Capacity and Buffer Implementation Grants in the amount of \$155,602. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Dilley, second by Smith to approve the Memo of Agreement with NRCS. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Reimer's District Administrator Report included: BWSR 1W1P Meeting; 2 Chippewa meetings with Local Work Groups; 4 windbreak site visits; 2 WCA TEP Panel meetings; 2 shoreline visits; 1 stream restoration site survey; Area 2 meeting; Rock crossing site visit; 2 WCA site visits; met with City of New London on shoreline restoration; submitted weed grant with the Dept of Ag; Big Kandi site visit; FAC meeting; working with DNR on Lake Lillian Access; 3 Hawk Creek Steering Team meetings; 1 Hawk Creek Lakes Advisory meeting; working with MnDOT on sign; MnDOT LSF meeting; and received Parks to Prairie Grant.

Peterson's Staff Report included: helped coordinate the treatment of 6 phragmite sites with MN DNR invasive species division; working on Idecker cost share project; working on Freidlein cost share project; completed 2020 RIM site inspections; Dahline WASCOP project staked and ready to go; working with Shooting Star on 2021 seed prices; completed 2021 IDP for BWSR/NRCS training needs and requirements; and renewed LincPass and will pick up new ID tomorrow.

Faber's Staff Report included: working with Speedy Print on the Newsletter; buffer violation with Allied Grain has been fixed; completing buffer checks and things are looking good; Karen Nelson and Phillip Slinden have been MAWQCP certified; conducting MAWQCP evaluations; 11 farms have been MAWQCP certified in 2020; working with Howard Johnson on manure pit closure project; have interested landowner in cover crops; working with NRCS on Cover Crop seed calculations to get cover crop JAA; attending Hawk Creek 1W1P meetings; BWSR Academy next week; Area 2 zoom meeting; and working on submitting newspaper article on winterizing pollinator gardens.

Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to pay NACD dues in the amount of \$775. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Laumer's staff report included: staff meeting minutes; listened to Area 2 zoom meeting; had Area 2 Admin zoom meeting; received \$2,500 in CARES Funds to purchase tablets for supervisors; have MCIT Risk management webinars this week; BWSR Academy next week; will look for prices on chairs and stand up desks for staff; and discussed not having Holiday Luncheon this year but possible have power point presentation for commissioners.

Hanson led discussion that the fairgrounds is looking at completing a holding pond project and discussed the SWCD being part of the project.

Dilley reported that he attended Chippewa Watershed Zoom meeting and they are waiting for one more signature on the agreement.

Hanson led discussion on staff finding ways to improve communicate with NRCS on tree plantings and staff with discuss this at staff meeting tomorrow.

Youngkrantz's report included: attended City of Pennock meeting; attended Technical Advisory Zoom meetings; spoke with a few counties on strategic planning; and discussed local work group survey.

Motion by Hanson, second by Smith to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Ronald Dilley 11/10/20
Ron Dilley, Secretary Date