



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 November 10, 2020 at the Lake Andrew Town Hall.

Chairperson Youngkrantz called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

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

Chairperson Youngkrantz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vouchers were prepared.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Smith, second Dilley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 20th, 2020. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, 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 on the agenda. A motion was made by Dilley, second by Williamson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Dickman's written NRCS Report included: working on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) renewal and payments; sent out deferral letters for CSP and EQIP; Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) deadline is November 20th and the funding will be given to each team; and Matt Rose will be the new Soil Conservationist and will start on December 7th.

Laumer led discussion that the Freidlein Project won't be completed by the end of the year and the project was approved with funding from the 2019 water plan funds which needs to be spent by year end. Laumer suggested to reallocate the \$1,553.50 for the project to the 2019 State Cost Share funds. Laumer also discussed to reallocate the \$3,000 for the Howard Johnson project so that \$1,646.93 would be funded by the 2019 Water Plan Funds and \$1,353.07 from 2019 State Cost Share funds. After reallocating these funds, we will have all of 2019 Water Plan Funds spent by the end of the year.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to reallocate funds for Steve Freidlein and Howard Johnson Project as discussed. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Reimer led discussion on the new sign for Hwy 23 and he has contacted a few different landowners and is waiting to hear back from them.

Faber led discussion on the newsletter, and it is ready to send to the printers after the scholarship, seed, and tree prices are approved.

Motion by Smith, and second by Dilley to approve the 2020 seed and tree prices. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve the 2021 Scholarship in the amount of \$300. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Laumer passed out a copy of a chart that NRCS is using as guidelines for the COVID-19 office policy. Laumer also discussed that there is a table with plexiglass in the entryway being used to help landowners. One landowner is allowed in the entryway at a time and they must wear a mask.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve future board meetings to be held at the Lake Andrew Town Hall. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Laumer discussed also having future board meetings available electronically for those who would prefer that method. Staff discussed using a hot spot on a cell phone and getting some speakers and a microphone to make it work.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to purchase iPADS, screen protectors, and cases with keyboard from Best Buy in the amount of \$2,694. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Laumer discussed she received prices from NBP on Chairs and Stand-Up Desks. The prices on the recommended Chairs were \$405 and Stand Up Desks were \$371.72. It was discussed that NBP would let us try a stand-up desk for a couple of weeks and we could discuss purchasing desks and chairs at the next board meeting.

The 2021 SWCD Capacity Grant Workplan was discussed and it will include funds for staff time and staff will look at prices on a side by side. Prices on a side by side will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the MASWCD Convention and the business meeting will be held virtually on December 8th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Reimer's District Administrator's Report included: met with landowners on sign for Hwy 23; attended 2 Hawk Creek Middle Minnesota steering team meetings and one Policy meeting; 2 meetings with the City of Willmar; Golf Course meeting; BWSR Academy meetings; Chippewa WRAP meeting; Zoom meeting with MN Dot on LSF Projects; Land Stewardship Zoom Meeting; Shakopee Creek Streambank survey; met with City of Blomkest on Lagoon Ponds Windbreak; 5 windbreak visits; 3 shoreline visits; Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) TEP panel site visits; and discussed fungus on wreaths and fir trees and will write article for the newspaper on this.

Faber's Staff Report included: had meeting with Angelica to discuss buffer information for the county commissioners; field visits on questionable buffers; conducting well monitoring this week; working with a new landowner on MAWQCP; newsletter is ready to go to printers after seed and tree prices are

approved; attended policy and steering meeting for Hawk Creek 1W1P; attended BWSR Academy sessions; and working with Howard Johnson on Pit Closure project.

Laumer's Staff Report included: staff meeting minutes; listened to MCIT trainings; listened to BWSR Academy sessions and reported on some of the sessions; have BWSR Budget Training November 18-19th; and led discussion on gift cards for our Rain Gauge Monitors.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve \$35 gift cards from Grizzly's for the Rain Gauge Monitors. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Smith reported that he attended Hawk Creek meeting and it is moving to the next phase which will need to set up MOU or Joint Power Agreement. The next step will also include setting up fiscal agent and committees.

Youngkrantz reported that there is a 2020 Wetland Drainage webinar on December 1st.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Ron Dilley, Secretary Date