



**MINNESOTA
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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Kandiyohi SWCD Shed.

Chairperson Hanson called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

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

Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hanson read the Mission Statement: Our mission is to encourage the wise use of land and water and to treat these resources in accordance with the needs for protection and improvement.

Vouchers were prepared.

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

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve the Secretary's Report of the Regular Meeting on July 20th, 2021 with the correction in the minutes to the change in Smith's report and list it as Rinke & Noonan. 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, the Treasurer's Report, and Outstanding Bills as listed on the Agenda. Motion was made by Dilley, second by Youngkrantz to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Dickman's written NRCS report included: Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) has 28 renewals screened as high; no new deadlines for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and possible drought sign-up for livestock owners; no applications were preapproved for 2129 RCPP-LM-MAWQCP; and COVID-19 office update.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to approve cost share project SWCD 2FY19 Randy Deschepper Streambank Stabilization Project for \$20,220. Funds will be from 2019 Cost share \$68.38, 2019 Capacity \$6,308.08, 2020 Water Plan Funds \$3,000 and 2020 Capacity funds \$10,843.54. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to approve cost share project 5FY19 Elaine Engle well sealing project for \$300. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Faber reported that she is working with a couple of landowners on shoreline projects and one is interested in natural shoreline and the other in rock rip rap project. Faber will be making arrangements with the TSA and Jenzen from DNR to look at the projects. These projects could potentially be completed this year if the designs get completed. Faber also has a shoreline and rain garden project to be completed next year.

COVID-19 Office Policy has changed, and all employees must wear masks in the building and unvaccinated staff may have to get weekly tests.

The Kandiyohi County Fair booth was discussed and included: Peterson set the booth up this morning; Ax game is set up and have prizes available; cover crops will be labeled; and had banner made and theme is Take Aim At Conservation.

Motion by Dilley, second by Smith to authorize Laumer and Smith as signers on the Home State Bank accounts and remove Rick Reimer due to his retirement on 7/30/2021. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

The Fall Newsletter was discussed and included having articles on Natural Shoreline, History, have a Supervisor write an article, tree order form, NRCS articles, and article on new employee.

Discussion was held on resurfacing the District Shed Parking Lot and Peterson will get bids and bring them to the next meeting.

Faber's staff report included: working on buffer compliance checks; continuing to do MAWQCP assessments; attended AIS meeting; attended policy and steering team meeting; met with Jenzen to talk about shorelines and permits; meeting with landowners on various potential projects; checking water levels on Solomon Lake weekly; preparing for the fair; visited with the Hess Family for the outstanding conservationist award; and will be checking into tree orders with the nursery.

Dickman joined the meeting to answer any questions the board had on her report.

Peterson's staff report included: working on CREP easements; worked on dam repair; writing up haying and grazing requests for RIM; RIM site inspections; getting things set up for the fair; went on WCA violation; and signed up for WCA training.

Tree and Seed expenses reported were handed out and reviewed.

Laumer's staff report included: the Area 2 meeting and next board meeting are both September 14th; the date of the next board meeting will be changed to September 13th; completed paperwork to cancel Reimer on multiple payroll accounts and HSB bank accounts; calculated Reimers Severance pay and entered it into HCSP; updated policy changes in the personnel handbook; reworked grant work plans to fund projects; staff meeting minutes; and will be receiving a dividend from MCIT for \$2,203.

Smith reported that he attended 1W1P Hawk Creek meeting and Rinke and Noonan didn't show up with joint powers agreement and the name has been changed.

Dilley reported that they should know by the end of the month if Chippewa 1W1P gets approved.

Hanson reported that there will be a North Fork meeting on September 1st.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Jane Youngkrantz 9/13/21
Jane Youngkrantz, Secretary Date

