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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Kandiyohi SWCD Shed.

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

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

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

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve the Secretary's Report of the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2021. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

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

Faber reported that she has met with a couple of landowners on potential shoreline projects and has had a couple of tree visits for next year.

Peterson reported that he has 3 potential pollinator plantings for next year.

Discussion was held on the Ray Evenson manure pit closure project and a second bid for the project is needed, so no action was taken on the project at this time.

Motion by Dilley, second by Smith to approve cost share contract WP 5FY20 John Anderson well sealing project in the amount of \$262.50. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Heiling shoreline stabilization project was held and no action was taken on the project at this time.

Dickman's NRCS report included: starting to work on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) payments and CSP renewal rankings; no new deadlines for Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP); and COVID-19 guidance is changing weekly.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to pay cost share contract WP 3FY20 Deb Weckman Rain Garden project in the amount of \$3,000. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the newsletter and Faber will follow up on putting newsletter insert in the Reminder and bring more information to the next meeting.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to authorize signing of PRAP Grant Agreement when it is approved. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

The District Administrator position was discussed, and the plan is to have the position posted after the next board meeting and have interviews early December.

Peterson is working on getting bids to fill the cracks in the District Shed Parking Lot but has been unable to get any bids at this time.

No new changes to the COVID-19 office policy were discussed.

Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) COVID 19 Protocol was discussed and it will be required that staff working on MAWQCP need to be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing.

MASWCD Resolution ballots were completed and Laumer will tally the ballots and email the completed ballot to MASWCD before the deadline.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to extend the building lease till April 2022. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve the 2022 Tree order with the change to the bareroot trees to \$2.00 if purchased in a bundle or individuals trees sold at \$2.50. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

Peterson's staff report included: worked with student on watershed project for Eagle Scouts; working on Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) violation; attended WCA training; working with City of Willmar on Parks to Prairie projects and putting together a handout; working with City of Willmar on plans to fix Ella Ave rain garden and another rain garden project across the road; drill repairs were completed; four wheeler not working and discussed fixing it and selling it; reviewed DNR permits; and Deschepper DNR permit was approved and project should be started soon.

Faber's staff report included: continuing to work on MAWQCP Assessments & visits; working on buffer compliance; revised tree order form; tree site visits and putting together tree plans; working on shoreline projects and visits; attended policy and steering team meetings for Central MN River Watershed; working with County Park on shoreline project; completed well monitoring; met with Tribune on advertising options; working on newsletter; and will be attending Long Lake Association meeting.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to pay Faber's Fair Board fee in the amount of \$100. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

Motion by Dilley, second by Williamson to approve 2022 Buffer Law Agreement in the amount of \$25,500 and 2022 SWCD Capacity Grant Agreement in the amount of \$132,230. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to pay 2021 Area 2 dues in the amount of \$350. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, and Williamson. Motion carried.

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

Laumer's Staff report included: attended Area 2 meeting at Rosholt Farms; attended FAC Meeting; will be attending BWSR Academy online at the end of the month; working on PRAP Grant; rewrote 2022/2023 State Cost Share workplans; working with Auditors to complete 2020 audit; staff meeting minutes; helped landowner on Ag BMP Loan Application; completed quarterly payroll taxes and sales tax; and MCIT will be increasing the deductibles in 2022 to \$500 comprehensive and \$1,000 collision.

Smith reported that the Central MN River Watershed would be having a public meeting with revised agreement.

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

Douglas Hanson 11-18-21
Jane Youngkrantz, Secretary Date