



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, April 12, 2022 at the USDA Service Center.

Chairperson Hanson called the meeting to order at 2:30 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, Ryan Peterson, RIM Coordinator, and Melanie Dickman, NRCS District Conservationist, and Scott Henderson, Middle Fork Watershed, Administrator.

Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vouchers were completed.

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

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Williamson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 7, 2022. 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 by Dilley, second 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 NRCS Report included: two applications will be ranked for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) general signup deadline on April 22nd; all Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) applications were funded; and Agronomist and Soil Conservationist positions were advertised for recent graduates.

Peterson discussed a potential sediment pond/ restoration project he is working on, and Ross will be designing. Faber discussed she is working on a potential rain garden project, County Park Shoreline/Buffer project, and a manure stacking slab project that we will be partnering with Hawk Creek.

There are no new changes to the COVID-19 Office Policy.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Smith to trade 2009 Ford F150 truck to Atwater Ford for \$5,000. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed to discuss District Manager Position. No action was taken on the District Manager position at this time.

Laumer led discussion on the building lease, and she has been in contact with the landowner about getting more space and there is more square footage available. After discussion Laumer will contact the landowner on renegotiating the lease to add more space and make changes in next 3-6 months.

The Quarterly Review of the Annual Plan was reviewed.

No Scholarship applications were received this year.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve the Tractor Lease 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 \$200 a year clothing allowance per person. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to allocate \$2,500 for promo items. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Laumer led discussion that Smith and Williamson are up for reelection and the Election filing dates are May 17th – May 31st.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Dilley to approve the Weed Grant Cost Share Form and policy. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Faber's staff report included: working on tree sales, plans and site visits; trees come in on April 20th and pick up dates will be April 22nd and 25th; attended Area 2 Meeting; meeting with LSP for a field day; presented at BBE School for 4th & 5th Grade Class; prepping for Area Envirothon on April 19th; attended Earth Day Meeting; Survey/rain garden meeting with Ross; working on enrollments for Walk in Access (WIA); Moore Engineer Meeting; was on Conservation Conversation; rain garden visit and pollinator yard visit with Ross; working with County staff on County Park 1 Project; helping plan and create flyers for upcoming events; and haven't received any scholarship applications this year.

Peterson's staff report included: signed and recorded DeRuyter CREP Easement; WCA visit and reviewed initial wetland delineation; organized Parks to Prairie Kick Off Event June 10th; attended Chippewa River Watershed TAC meeting; working on potential Cost Share projects; attended various meetings and trainings; submitted seed order and need signature on tractor lease agreement; met with Land Stewardship Project on field day; met with landowners on site visits and consultations; organized nitrate clinics; worked on signs for Ridgewater pollinator project; organized speaker for open house; developed pullup banner for events; organized Pints to Pollinator Event; looking for black cut worm trapper volunteers; and discussed applying for "319 Small Watershed" Grant for Upper Shakopee Creek Watershed.

Laumer's staff reported included: completed 2021 Financial Statements, Notes to Financial Statements, and MDA; attended Area 2 Meeting and next meeting will be June 16; attended Human Resources Training on April 6-7; listened to sessions at BWSR Spring Training; helping with Area Envirothon on April 19th; sent out tree pick up letters and will be helping with tree pick up; Jason Weinerman will be our new BC; completed quarterly sales tax and payroll tax reports; and need forms signed to add Doug as a signer on HSB account.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to pause services with Moore Engineering Agreement at this time. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Smith reported on the Middle MN River 1W1P and the Joint Power Agreement has been adopted and Hawk Creek will be implementing the plan.

