



**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, May 10, 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, 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 to treat these resources in accordance with their needs for protection and improvement.

Vouchers were completed.

Motion by Smith, 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 Dilley, second by Williamson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 12, 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 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 NRCS Report included: zero Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications were approved; all Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) were obligated; no one was hired for the Agronomist or Soil Con positions in Willmar; Karen (FSA) will be on leave for 3 months starting at the end of the month; Local Work Group meeting will be at the Log Cabin June 14th; and RCPP Irrigation and MAWQCP sign up is May 5th – June 17th.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to approve WP 1FY21 Norway Games Lake Improvement Association Lakeshed Report in the amount of \$2,700. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to approve 2FY20 Brad Lenz Water Control Structure in the amount of \$5,046.75. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Williamson to approve 3FY20 Kandiyohi County Park 1 Shoreline Project in the amount of \$9,006.75. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Peterson discussed he is still working with landowner on potential restoration project and is waiting for design. Faber reported that she has a potential natural shoreline project on George Lake and a rain garden project.

Laumer reported there is no new changes to our COVID-19 office policy at this time but some Counties with higher cases are having to wear masks in the office.

The meeting was closed to discuss the District Manager Position.

Motion by Williamson, second by Dilley to approve the Personnel Committee to negotiate and offer contract to hire a District Manager. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Smith to approve three-year building lease agreement with adding statement of being able to negotiate more space to lease agreement if needed. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2009 Ford F150 truck and Laumer got the title from safe deposit box and Peterson and Hanson will make arrangements to bring the truck to Atwater Ford.

Motion by Smith, second by Williamson to nominate Fosso Family Farms as the 2022 Kandiyohi County Outstanding Conservationist. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

One poster was received for the Poster Contest from a student at Kennedy School. Faber will present the winner with the cash prize and get a picture for the website.

Faber's staff reported included: working on tree plantings; tree pick up went well and have some trees still available; have 2 new Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification (MAWQCP) applications and finishing 2 other contracts; helped with Earth Day, Spring Open House, Envirothon, and preparing for June Events; attended Central MN 1W1P Policy Meeting on May 3rd and discussed setting a yearly fee and are setting up bank accounts; attending virtual South Fork Meeting on May 11th; and working on various cost share projects.

Peterson's staff report included: DeRuyter CREP Easement payment issued; site visit for ag bank project; working on planning Parks to Prairie Kick Off Event and Pints to Pollinator Event; attended Chippewa River Watershed and North Fork Crow River TAC Meetings; working on various cost share projects; had pollinator planting site visit; participated in Nitrate Clinics; started seeding 2 sites; re-assembled native grass drill; helped unload trees and pre-fill orders; worked at Earth Day Celebration; staked LGRWRP Easement Boundary; helped with tree planting; WCA site visit; worked at Spring Open House; and completed summary and interview for Shakopee Creek 319 Grant.

Peterson also reported and he has 2 potential pollinators projects that may need special approval to start before the next meeting. The board decided to have Peterson email the information and the projects could get approved to start before the next meeting.

Laumer's staff report included: working with building owner on lease agreement; working with IT on ordering a new computer and we aren't able to order one now so we will need to get computer fixed; helped at Area 2 Envirothon; helped with tree pick up; completed MCIT Workers Comp and EPT Report; staff meeting and typed minutes; listened to RCPP Irrigation Meeting; installed updated QuickBooks software; had a meeting with Jason Weinerman; putting together a cost share inspection list; looking at new budget formats and will need budget for County next month; working on setting up Local Work Group meeting; Area 2 Meeting will be June 16th in Nelson; Kandiyohi County Fair Booth Registration; getting prices on promo items and will be placing order; election filing dates will be May 17-May 31; and Peterson Company will be doing the 2021 Audit the week of June 6th.

Smith reported that at the Central MN 1W1P meeting the ranking tool was approved.

Motion by Smith, second by Dilley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Jane Youngkrantz 6.14.22
Jane Youngkrantz, Secretary Date