

WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

**Todd County**

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**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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## **MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 13, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Williamson called the Thursday, June 13, 2019 meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse, 215 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Board members present were: Tom Williamson, Leland Buchholz, Kenny Pesta, Dale Katterhagen and Dan Whitney. Others present were: Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager, Russell Kleinschmidt, NRCS, Reba Van Beusekom and Lew Noska, Todd SWCD technicians, and Luke Thoma, Farm Biologist.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Williamson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. **Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta to approve the agenda for June 13, 2019 regular board meeting as is. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.**

**Williamson called for conflict of interest. No conflict of interest.**

Williamson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the May 9, 2019 regular board meeting. **Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Katterhagen to approve the minutes as disbursed from the May 9, 2019 regular board meeting. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.**

Katterhagen presented May's Program Summary. **Whitney made a motion, seconded by Pesta to accept May's program summary with receipts totaling \$40,226.35 and disbursements totaling \$34,817.63. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.**

**COST SHARE REPORT: Anton updated the following actions:** the excavation of the Wiese pit having been completed, Middendorfs are waiting for contractor to return; the Johnson pit closure having been completed; CC Morgan having requested an extension on their buffer contract; Alexander having submitted bids to consider in today's meeting; and the Motley cemetery having a compete engineer design.

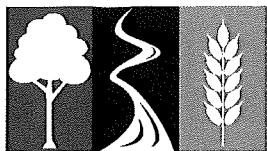
### **REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Report:** Absent

**Staff Reports: Anton:** discussed Henry Street having met all the conditions of their permit before deadline; Pots and Pits- an informational meeting held for landowners on May 19 in Eagle Bend was well received and the option of doing this type of outreach for other grants is encouraged- overall costs were cheaper than one newspaper ad. The Hollermann project is moving slowly due to rains; the MPCA encouraged Hollermanns to start testing water coming out of the outlet from the new sediment control structure once the project is complete. Whitney questioned the anonymity of complainants. Anton explained that it was a protection afforded all complainants and the importance of the Tennessen Act which protects complainants (name and address) unless the nature of the complaint was brought to the Courts. All technicians are required to explain the Tennessen Act to complainants as a part of protocol.

**Van Beusekom** reported- no questions: **Noska** reported most of his work was in wetlands and restoration orders this past month with some buffers and cost-share work, intermittent. Discussion was held on how he deals with wetland fills and other violations.

**Pheasant Forever Report: Thoma** reported that he had been conducting a lot of field visits this past month. CRP opened on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and he was doing field verifications for those. There had been 3 new CREP easements applied for (1



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filter strip, and two wetland restorations- waiting for eligibility approval; he has not received final numbers for EQIP apps; field verifications were still in progress. He spent a week in Iowa at the National Pheasants Forever Conference.

**NRCS Report:** Kleinschmidt reported that the Little Falls position should be filled by July. NRCS has been receiving more applications for EQIP; 1.4 million in apps were not funded in 2018.

**1W1P Report:** Williamson reported that there was no meeting so there was nothing to report.

**BWSR Report:** Absent.

Whitney made a motion, seconded by Katterhagen to approve encumbering FY2019 Local Capacity cost share funds for Randy Alexander in the amount of \$4,500 for pit closure. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Pesta, to approve encumbering FY2018 Partridge River Phase 1 cost share funds for Randy Alexander in the amount of \$18,000 for pit closure. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta, to approve amendment of FY2019 state cost share funds for an additional \$900.00 for Jason Johnson for pit closure. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Pesta made a motion, seconded by Buchholz, to approve payment of FY2018 State cost share of \$137.50 to Jason Johnson for pit closure. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Whitney, to approve payment of FY2019 Local Capacity funds to Jason Johnson in the amount of \$12,045.50 for pit closure. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Buchholz, to approve payment of FY2019 State cost share funds for Jason Johnson in the amount of \$8,817.00 for pit closure. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Buchholz, to approve encumbering FY2019 State cost share funds for Larry Capko, contract #3-19 in the amount of \$162.50 for well sealing. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Whitney, to approve encumbering FY2018 Buffer cost share for John Petron, contract #8-18 BUFF, in the amount of \$114.00 for a buffer planting. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Whitney, to approve extension for FY2018 Buffer cost share for CC Morgan, contract #7-18 BUFF. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Whitney, to approve payment of FY2018 Buffer cost share to Doug Kaiser, contract #5-18 BUFF, in the amount of \$93.00. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.



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**Pesta made a motion, seconded by Whitney, to accept the 2018 Enviro- Fest donation from the City of Long Prairie in the amount of \$300.00. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.**

**Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Whitney, to accept the 2019 Feedlot Meeting donation from the Minnesota Association of County Feedlot Officers (MACFO) in the amount of \$700.00. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.**

**Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Whitney, to approve the use of wetland/pond restoration measures to become a fundable c/s practice for pit closure based on the criteria provided by Anton with the following amendments: *remove requirement for water testing and adjust slope ratio to match that found within the NRCS code 378 for pond side walls.* Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.**

**Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta, to approve FY2020 Groundwater Monitoring Agreement. Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Whitney. Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSSION:** Tree sale went great. Place a blurb about available tree tubes in the newsletter for public consideration for 2020 tree purchases.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

**1W1P "Index Card" Information:** Anton reported that the Long Prairie One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) has not been initiated yet. The Sauk River Watershed and Red-eye Watershed 1W1P's are in development while others are close behind. Douglas, Morrison and Todd Counties have a goal to apply for the development of the Long Prairie 1W1P for spring of 2020 but will need Commissioners and Supervisors on board in all counties. **See handout.**

**The City of Grey Eagle is moving forward with its Wellhead Protection Plan.**

**Anton handed out findings from the 2019 Water Plan meeting which will be utilized in future development of the 1W1Ps.**


**Anton requested pictures of planting/ harvest/ livestock and any other newsletter worthy topics to include in the 2020 Farmer Appreciation slideshow and upcoming newsletters.**


**Chairman Williamson adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.**

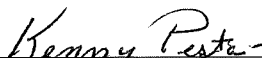
**The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be held on July 11, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.**

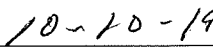
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