

WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES FROM THE August 8, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairman Williamson called the Thursday, August 8, 2019 meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

The meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse, 215 1st 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, Adam Ossefoort, Division Director, Reba Van Beusekom, Conservation Technician, Kevin Brown, Conservation Technician, Lew Noska, Conservation Technician, Luke Thoma, Pheasants Forever, Gary Kneisl and Dave Kircher, County Commissioners, Chris Pence, BWSR, and guests Amelia Sunderbug and daughter.

Introductions were made.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Williamson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. **Buchholz** made a motion, seconded by Whitney to approve the agenda for August 8, 2019 regular board meeting. **Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, and Katterhagen. 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 July 11, 2019 regular board meeting. **Pesta** made a motion, seconded by **Whitney** to approve the minutes as disbursed from the July 11, 2019 regular board meeting. **Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, and Katterhagen. Motion Carried.**

Williamson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report from the June 13, 2019 regular board meeting. **Buchholz** made a motion, seconded by **Pesta** to approve the report as disbursed from the June 13, 2019 regular board meeting. **Affirmative: Williamson, Buchholz, Pesta, and Katterhagen. Motion Carried.**

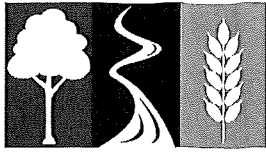
Pesta made a motion, seconded by **Buchholz**, to approve Anton's summary of financials, stating that the summary report could not be completed as she had only received the documents from Auditor's Office that morning and had no time to draw up the program summary. Due to the timing of the meeting being so close to the end of month reporting window for the County, the financial statements were not prepared in full. **Katterhagen** made a motion to conduct a final review of July's program's summary at next month's meeting in September. **Buchholz** seconded.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Report: The County Coordinator's position was now advertised in house and to the mainstream public accepting applications. They continue to work on the Budget and are finishing it up. Having a 27th pay period, happens once every 14 years, through a wrench in the budgeting process, slowing things down.

Staff Reports: Anton reviewed her staff report siting several feedlot and owner assistance visits, and the small watershed focus interviews in hopes of obtaining future grant dollars. Noska reviewed his staff report including tiling, setbacks, culvert projects and many ditch maintenance projects. Brown and Van Beusekom reported on various inspections, registration processing, and surveying.

Pheasant Forever Report: Thoma reviewed his staff report which included participating in the Conservation Planning Course, CRP continuous sign up ends 8/23 expecting possible 10 to go through out of the 50 applications. He is reviewing 4 properties for CREP and prepping for RIM monitoring.



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Whitney suggested giving a quarter to all the kids to celebrate the 25th Anniversary. Other ideas mentioned included the Sheriff department (drones); MN Science Museum: Raptor or eagle center?

Chairman Williamson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be held on September 12, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Reba Van Beusekom, Minute Taker

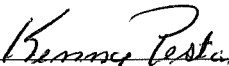
Date



Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager, Minute Preparer

10-10-19

Date



Kenny Pesta, Secretary

10-10-19

Date