



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

Todd County

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES FROM THE MAY 14, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.021, the Todd SWCD held the SWCD Board of Supervisors meeting Thursday, May 14, 2020 beginning at 8:30 a.m. by electronic means due to the Health Pandemic Emergency declared under Chapter 12 by the Governor of MN. A notice of the meeting was posted on the door of the SWCD Office Location 215 1st Ave S, Suite 104 and explained how the public was able to participate in the meeting. The meeting has and will follow all of the requirements for an electronic meeting as spelled out in MN Statutes 13D.021 Subdivision 1, 1-4.

Chairman Buchholz called the Thursday, May 14, 2020 meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

The meeting will held by electronic means.

Introductions were made.

Board members present were: Tom Williamson, Leland Buchholz, Kenny Pesta and Dale Katterhagen. Others present were: Adam Ossefoort, Division Director, Deja Anton, District Manager, Sarah Katterhagen, Program Coordinator, Reba VanBeuseksom, Conservation Technician, Russell Kleinschmidt, NRCS, Josh Hanson, NRCS, Barb Becker, Todd County Commissioner and Chris Pence, Board Conservationist.

Board Member Absent: Dan Whitney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Buchholz asked if there were any additions to the agenda. **Williamson made a motion seconded by Pesta to approve agenda for May 14, 2020 SWCD Board meeting with the addition of discussing a meeting date for the Local Work Group meeting. Buchholz called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Williamson. Motion Carried.**

Buchholz called for conflict of interest. No conflict of interest.

Buchholz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the April 9, 2020 regular board meeting. District Manager, Anton suggested that the minutes should include that management (SWCD Director and Manager) reviewed the AIS RFP's for the inspection program. **Williamson made a motion, seconded by Pesta to approve the minutes as disbursed from the April 9, 2020 regular board meeting. Buchholz called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Williamson. Motion Carried. {Noted: Minutes were not updated with suggested correction as not part of the motion}**

Buchholz asked the board to review the Treasurer's Report. Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Williamson to accept April's Treasurer's Report with receipts totaling \$51,819.12 and disbursements totaling \$5,162.26. Buchholz called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Williamson. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: No reports were given during this meeting



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DECISIONS NEEDED:

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta to approve encumbering FY2020 Local Capacity funds, contract #5-1420LC2 in the amount of \$2,020.48 for Forage and Biomass seeding for Ryan and Ginger Schroeder. Buchholz called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Williamson. Motion Carried.

Pesta made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve encumbering FY2019 Local Capacity, contract #5-14-19CL in the amount of \$3,435.29 and encumbering FY2020 Local Capacity, contract #5-14-20CL in the amount of \$11,564.71 for a maximum cost share of \$15,000 for pit closure for Jeremiah and Kalie Korfe.

Discussion: Buchholz asked if cost share funds can be used to close water ponds. Anton reported, cost share funds can't be used to closed water ponds.

Buchholz called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Williamson. Motion Carried.

Williamson made a motion, seconded by Pesta to approve encumbering MPCA 319 Partridge River Phase #1, contract #5-1420PR1 in the amount of \$5,250.00 and encumbering BWSR-CWL FY2020, contract #5-14CWL in the amount of \$1,312.50 for a total of \$6,562.50 for a pit closure project for Linn Smith. Buchholz called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Williamson. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION:

Local Work Group Meeting Date: Consensus to have Local Work Group Meeting on June 11, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Hanson explained most likely a survey monkey with questions about resources concerns will be sent out prior to the meeting to help streamline the meeting.

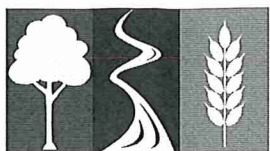
INFORMATIONAL:

2020 Election Guide for SWCD: Anton reported she sent out a press release to the newspaper about SWCD Elections.

Review 1W1P for the Red Eye Watershed: Anton said if the board has any comments about the plan, they can be submitted to her.

Review MOA between NRCS and SWCD: Hanson reported the MOA is so the partners can share conservation across the lines. Anton reported the board will vote at June's meeting and the final copy will have Todd SWCD information in the MOA.

Greenbelt Ground Truths Listed in the 1W1P for the Sauk River Watershed: Anton reported Commissioner Neumann asked that she share this information with the SWCD Board. The Greenbelt Ground Truth is currently listed in the 1W1P for the Sauk River Watershed. Commissioner Becker asked if it is listed in all Watershed Plans. Anton reported right now it is just in the Sauk River Watershed Plan and emphasis' key



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areas. D. Katterhagen commented that there are other methods to get livestock out of water; instead of regulatory. He feels that it could look like the Soil and Water is a regulatory party and what about the key areas today and the key areas tomorrow? Anton commented when the draft of the SRWD 1W1P comes forward for public comment it will be important for SWCD to provide comment at that time. Williamson asked if Anton will handle it for the board. Anton commented that it would be important for Williamson to bring up the Todd SWCD's board concerns at the SRWD 1W1P committee meetings as he is a liaison for the Todd SWCD Board. Pesta reported he has the same feeling as D. Katterhagen. Buchholz reported he likes voluntary, not regulatory and he has strong reservations about the enforcement part. Also concerned about designating specific areas, than that changes – He has lots of reservation about the Greenbelt Ground Truth and would like more information about it. D. Katterhagen agreed, not enough information has been provided or presented on the Greenbelt Ground Truth. Anton encourages the SWCD Supervisors and Commissioner to contact to Commissioner Neumann.

2019 Audit Report: Reminder to Supervisors to review the Audit Report and send in any questions to District Manager, Anton, and she will get the questions to the Clifton Larson for review prior to the scheduled in-person final Audit review.

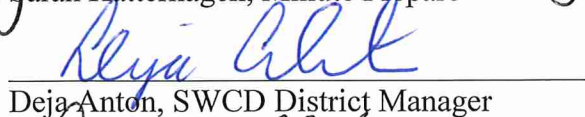
Pesta made a motion, seconded by Williamson to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Buchholz called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen and Williamson. Motion Carried.

Chairman Buchholz thanked all the participants that participate in the Todd SWCD Board Meeting.

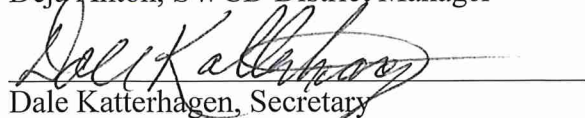
The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be held on June 11, 2020 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference Room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.


 Sarah Katterhagen, Minute Prepare

6/11/2020
 Date


 Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager

6/11/2020
 Date


 Dale Katterhagen, Secretary

6-18-2020
 Date