



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

Todd County

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 8, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairperson Katterhagen called the Thursday, April 8, 2021 meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

The meeting was held in person at the Historic Courthouse located at 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie in the Commissioner's Board meeting room and held over a ZOOM due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairperson Katterhagen called for roll call of who was present at the meeting in person and over zoom.

Board members present in person were: Dale Katterhagen, Tom Williamson, and Wayne Wendel.

Board members present over zoom were: Dan Whitney and Leland Buchholz.

Others present in person were: Adam Ossefoort, District Director, Deja Anton, District Manager, Sarah Katterhagen, Program Coordinator, and Barb Becker, Todd County Commissioner.

Others present over zoom were: Lew Noska, Conservation Technician, Luke Thoma, Pheasants Forever, Russell Kleinschmidt and Chris Pence with BWSR. Darren Newville, EOT District Manager joined meeting at 8:45 a.m. and left after his presentation.

Katterhagen asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Wendel made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve the agenda for April 8, 2021 meeting with moving the decision items before the reports. Katterhagen called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March 11, 2021 regular board meeting. Williamson made a motion, seconded by Wendel to approve the minutes as disbursed from the March 11, 2021 regular board meeting. Katterhagen called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen asked the board to review March 2021 Treasurer's Report. S. Katterhagen presented the highlights from the report. Williamson made a motion, seconded by Wendel to accept March's Treasurer's Report with receipts totaling \$26,635.22 and disbursements totaling \$13,216.32. Katterhagen called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen called for conflict of interest. No conflict of interest was reported. (Later on in the meeting two supervisors abstained from three decision votes due to a perceive conflict of interest)

DECISIONS

Whitney made a motion, seconded by Buchholz to select Waterguards for AIS inspection contract, to have Anton and staff negotiate with Waterguards to see if bid can come within the current AIS Budget; if not; other budget items will have to be cut. Katterhagen called for a roll call vote Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney, Williamson and Buchholz. Wendel Abstained. Motion Carried.



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Newville joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Newville brought the board up to speed on the IMA tool. The request for funds is to help pay of the annual updated. The future goal is to have the University take over the tool.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve supporting the Benton IMA tool for one more year for a sum monetary contribution of \$625.00. Katterhagen called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Newville left the meeting.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Whitney to host the Local Work Group meeting in June and to plan for an outdoor event with the tour of the streambarb projects that were completed in 2020. Katterhagen called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz and Wendel. Motion Carried

Whitney made a motion, seconded by Wendel to approve encumbering FY2020 local capacity cost share funds for Oyster pit closure located in Stowe Prairie Township, section 8 in the amount not to exceed \$14,625.00 or 75% of total cost. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Whitney to approve encumbering FY2021 state cost share funds in the amount of \$325.00 for Tom Moore well sealing project on parcel #27-0000101. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney and Buchholz. Abstained: Williamson and Wendel due to perceive conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Whitney to approve encumbering FY20021 state cost share funds in the amount of \$375.00 for Tom Moore well sealing project on parcel #27-0000400. Katterhagen called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney and Buchholz. Abstained: Williamson and Wendel due to perceive conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

Whitney made a motion, seconded by Buchholz to approve encumbering FY2021 state cost share funds in the amount of \$375.00 for Tom Moore well sealing project on parcel #27-0000300. Katterhagen called for a roll call vote. Affirmative: Katterhagen, Whitney and Buchholz. Abstained: Williamson and Wendel due to perceive conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

Whitney reported that he no report for the Long Prairie One Watershed, One Plan as there hasn't been a meeting since the last report.

Whitney left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Becker reported Lake Shamineau LID came to a Commissioner meeting, solid waste bonding was approved and HHS is still utilizing the Expo building for COVID shots.

Division Director Ossefoort reported slowing working on getting all the staff back in the office and Planning and Zoning is starting to get busy for the season.

District Manager Anton highlighted items from staff reports and reported the field season is starting to get busy.



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Noska presented his visual report for the board.

Pheasants Forever, Thoma reported he is working on CRP contracts which is averaging \$64.00 per acre.

NRCS, Kleinschmidt reported 24 EQIP applications were pre-approved and no Ag waste applications were approved.

Williamson reported the 1W1P for the SRWD is still at review with BWSR, so there hasn't been any meetings.

Wendel reported for the Red Eye 1W1P there hasn't been any recent meetings.

Pence reported BWSR is teleworking until July 1, 2021, discussed the new requirements for future state cost share agreements, and the pilot program for working land easements.

DISCUSSION:

No discussion items.

INFORMATIONAL:

Please let the District Manager or Chairperson know when you are unable to attend assigned committee meetings and/or event publically noticed to ensure that the substitute SWCD presentation can be arranged.

The District is pleased to be welcoming Dylan Pratt to the staff as the newest Farm Technician/CFO. He will be beginning after April 26, 2021.

The MASWCD dues were paid.

Please inform District Manager of any resolutions you may be proposing for preparations of May's meeting for final approval.

Katterhagen adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be held on May 13, 2021.

Sarah Katterhagen
Sarah Katterhagen, Minute Prepare

5/13/2021
Date

Deja Anton
Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager

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Date

Tom Williamson
Tom Williamson, Secretary

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