



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

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MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 9, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairperson Whitney called the Thursday, June 9, 2022 meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was held in person at the Historic Courthouse at 215 1st Ave, S, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call for Introductions.

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

Others present in person were: Deja Anton, District Manager, Sarah Katterhagen, Program Coordinator, Dylan Pratt, Conservation Technician, Tim Ebnet, Conservation Technician, Luke Thoma, NRCS, Rod Erickson, and Commissioner, Randy Neumann, Commissioner.

Whitney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve the agenda with the additions of: 3.2: To review and approve staff recommendations for the Lon Jasmer Pit Closure, contract #02-0023700; 3.3: To review and approve cover crop cost share at 75% for Ken Kraemer, contract #27-0021900 in the amount of \$18,461.08; and 4.3: To discuss Stearns SWCD Resolution for poultry stacking slabs. Affirmative: Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz, Wendel and Katterhagen. Motion Carried.

Whitney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the May 12, 2022 regular board meeting. Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Wendel to approve the minutes as disbursed from the May 12, 2022 regular board meeting. Affirmative: Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz, Wendel and Katterhagen. Motion Carried.

Whitney asked the board to review May 2022 Treasurer's Report. Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Williamson to accept May 2022 Treasurer's Report with receipts totaling \$16,403.41 and disbursements totaling \$24,595.09. Affirmative: Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz, Wendel and Katterhagen. Motion Carried.

Whitney called for conflict of interest. No conflict of interest reported.

Anton thanked Tom Williamson for joining the Policy Committee and approving the Implementation Plan for Sauk River Watershed. Anton informed the board Barb James has agreed to run for Supervisor in District 1.

REPORTS:

Commissioners Report: Commissioner Erickson reported the finance had the first review of preliminary budget for 2023, some Unions are still in negotiations, and the judicial building will be getting a new roof.



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Director Update: Ossefoort reported there has been interviews for the planner position, working on budgets, and the field season has been getting busy.

Manager Update & Project Report: Anton reported she has been busy getting calls with the recent rain and wind events. Has been talking with potential buyers for the Bussman farm site regarding buffers and compliance, and site visits on the Ahrens project to review field conditions and spot check a project that was completed a few years ago with NRCS funds.

Anton reported Votruba has completed 20 sites visits, SWAG monitoring and working on buffer program.

Anton reported Christiansen's workload is matching Noska's workload.

Anton reported S. Katterhagen is busy in the office.

Anton reported Pratt has been busy with tree barn duties and has been busy on farm site visits.

Ebnet reported he is wrapping up on CNMP's, working on irrigation scheduler program, potential exclusion fencing, working with GIS on a layer for setbacks for good sites for stock pile. Ebnet showed photos of various projects and programs that he is working on.

NRCS Update: Thoma reported 10 EQIP applications were funded – some of the projects included a grazing plan, cover crop, transition to organic and high tunnel projects. Thoma reminded the board the first round for RCPP irrigation grant is coming up.

1W1P – SRWD Update: Williamson reported he had a policy meeting on May 26, 2022, the Comprehensive Management Plan is in review with BWSR, moving to quarterly meetings, and the group is going to move forward with the survey.

1W1P – Red Eye Update: Anton reported the plan is now preparing the 2nd implementation round.

1W1P – Long Prairie Update: The plan is now out for public review and comment. Anton reported Morrison SWCD requested that Todd SWCD transition as fiscal agent. She and Ossefoort met with the Auditor's office regarding considerations in becoming the fiscal agent; Sarah Katterhagen was invited to the follow up meeting with the Steering committee to provide input, add commentary, and ask questions.

1W1P – Crower Wing Update: No update

1W1P – Mississippi River Brainerd Update: Buchholz reported he attended a policy meeting, and recently there was a kickoff meeting on June 6, 2022. Anton reported citizen and technical committee members have been appointed.

DECISIONS:

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Buchholz to approve the Sauk River 1W1P Biennial Work Plan and to adopt resolution authorizing the Sauk River Policy Committee to submit the work plan to BWSR. Affirmative: Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz, Wendel and Katterhagen. Motion Carried.



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Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve encumbering FY2020 MPCA Partridge River cost share funds in the amount \$21,000; not to exceed 75% of total cost, for Lon Jasmer, contract #02-0023700 for pit closure project. Affirmative: Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz, Wendel and Katterhagen. Motion Carried.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve encumbering FY2022 BWSR cover crop cost share in the amount of \$18,461.08 for Ken Kraemer, contract #27-0021900 for cover crop project. Affirmative: Whitney, Williamson, Buchholz, Wendel and Katterhagen. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION:

The finance committee decided to meet on June 28, 2022 in the morning to discuss 2023 budget.

The board discussed Leadership Training opportunity. The board recommended that Management should recommend to them who should be attending these type of trainings.

Anton handed out an e-mail she sent to Dennis Fuchs, Stearns SWCD Administrator regarding a resolution that is being submitted to AREA II about livestock and poultry stacking slabs.

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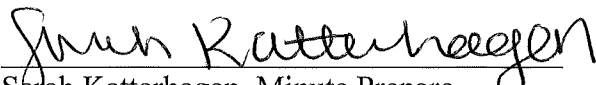
Anton reviewed the FY2019 Local Capacity Reconciliation review from BWSR.

Anton, S. Katterhagen, Wendel, Buchholz and Williamson will be attending the AREA II Meeting on June 16, 2022.

Anton will be out of the office from June 20-28, 2022.

The next regular Todd Soil and Water board supervisor meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

Chairperson Whitney adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.



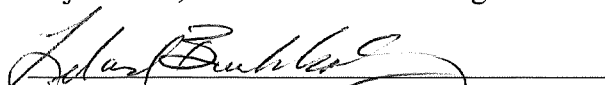
Sarah Katterhagen, Minute Prepare

7/14/2022
Date



Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager

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Leland Buchholz, Secretary

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