

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 14, 2017

Location: SWCD office at 808 3RD Street, Carlton MN

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present	Absent	Staff Present	Guests
James Nynas		Brad Matlack	Commissioner Susan Zmyslony
Mark Thell		Julie Radovich	Erin Loeffler - BWSR
Kim Samuelson			John Sellnow - NRCS
Barb Dahl			

The pledge of allegiance

M/S Nynas/Thell to approve amended agenda. Motion carried

M/S Thell/Samuelson to approve July meeting minutes. Motion carried

M/S Nynas/Samuelson to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried

SWCD Financial Report

M/S Nynas/Samuelson to accept financial report as submitted noting that the WCA account is fully expended. Motion carried

SWCD Committee Reports

Jason Paulson Driveway erosion control state cost share reimbursement, #2-14. Jason Paulson addressed the board regarding the project reimbursement asking the board to close the project and proceed with reimbursement. Kelly Smith is recommending to hold off on reimbursement until the county zoning office and the TSA Engineers have signed off on the project. The project has been completed for 3 weeks, Mr. Paulson requested reimbursement on Friday, August 11, 2017.

M/S Nynas/Samuelson to approve payment pending TSA Engineer approval (sign off) of the project. Motion carried.

The board directed staff to monitor WCA violation info from Carlton County but it is not a requirement of processing payment for project.

Old Business

Board Vacancy, interviews will be with 2 candidates the week of August 21st.

Board Vice Chair position to replace the retired supervisor. Nynas recommended Thell for the vice chair position.

M/S Nynas/Thell to appoint Thell to the Vice Chair position. Motion carried.

SWCD Staff Job Approval Authority Review – informational. No action required at this time.

Awards Program Update and Board Tour Plans

M/S Nynas/Thell to adjust September board meeting start time to 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

MASWCD Awards - Kelly Smith recommends Mark Behrends

M/S Thell/Nynas to approve Mark Behrends for the State Forest Steward award. Motion carried.

New Business

Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implementation Plan for Forest Management - Matlack

M/S Nynas/Thell to approve the Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implementation Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Buffer Initiative Update and Buffer Cost Share - Laura Christensen addressed the board with the update.

M/S Thell/Nynas to send a second letter by certified mail to the 13 landowners that have not responded to the first mailing. Motion carried

M/S Nynas/Thell to accept the FY 2018 Buffer Cost Share Grant in the amount of \$5000. Motion carried

Area 3 Fall Meeting September 20-21 Registration - 4 supervisors to attend both days

Forestry EAB – Thell would like staff to explore options and treatments for EAB.

Supervisor Nynas has been asked to serve on the MASWCD and AMC Conservation District Capacity Work Group. Nynas is asking approval to serve on the work group.

M/S Samuelson/Thell to approve Nynas to serve on the Work Group and to approve mileage and per diem's to attend the Work Group meetings. Motion carried.

Thell does not feel the state association has good leadership and is concerned with the effectiveness of the Work Group.

Correspondence

Enbridge Mailing

State Erosion Control and Water Management Program

Updated status spreadsheet

Mike Bloom, well sealing project voucher approval in the amount of \$282.50 FY16 Cost Share

M/S Nynas/Samuelson to approve Bloom well sealing project as presented. Motion carried

Cooperators Agreements

Dave Chmielewski SWCD #5

M/S Thell/Samuelson to approve Dave Chmielewski Cooperator Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

SWCD Staff Reports

NRCS Report – John Sellnow addressed the Board.

Reports:

Outside Organizations:

Big Sandy Watershed August Agenda, July 12th Minutes, July 14th Minutes

Laurentian RC&D July Agenda, May Minutes

Having no further business,

**M/S Thell/Samuelson to adjourn.
Motion carried**

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Submitted by: Julie Radovich

Date Approved:

Chair: Barb Dahl

Secretary: Kim Samuelson