



Brown Soil and Water Conservation District



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Minutes of the April 15, 2019 Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN

Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chair Vogel.

PRESENT

1. Jack Vogel – Chair
2. Gary Rathman – Vice Chair
3. Clem Windschitl – Secretary
4. Jeff Nielsen – Treasurer
5. Greg Roiger – PRI
6. Melanie Krueger – District Manager
7. Alan Gleisner – Senior District Technician
8. Dean Simonsen – Brown County Commissioner Liaison

AGENDA

- ◆ Motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Nielsen to approve the agenda with the addition of Wood Lake Landowner Correspondence to the new business section of the agenda.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Consent Agenda items were reviewed. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Windschitl to approve the consent agenda items presented which included the March 13, 2019 Board Meeting minutes, the March 2019 Treasurer's Report, the Bills Report dated March 10, 2019 to April 4, 2019, the CCMR Annual Contribution payment of \$25.00, the MASWCD Area VI 2019 Dues payment of \$400.00, and the Staff Reports dated March 10, 2019 to April 4, 2019.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

WATER PERMITS/WCA REPORTS

- ◆ District Manager advised there was no new WCA activity and then advised of notifications from the DNR on a public waters work permit and two water appropriation permits and then reviewed the list of well records received from the MDH in late March.

PF/FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed the written report submitted by Ethan Boertje.

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed the written report submitted by Ray Hummel.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- ◆ Commissioner Simonsen gave an update on the hiring of a County Administrator, and then advised there are many ditches to seed buffers on this spring due to the ROB process, there are JD ditch system ROB meetings scheduled to start this year with Redwood County, and the drainage committee looked into the AgBMP program as a low interest funding source for landowners to pay their ditch assessments.

COST SHARE

- ◆ Discussed the cost-share projects status report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ None

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **MASWCD Call for Resolutions:** Discussion was held on the annual MASWCD call for resolutions request. There are no resolution ideas to submit at this time. Nielsen advised he was asked by MASWCD to serve on the Resolutions Committee as the representative for Area 6.
- ◆ **2019 Quarter 1 Budget Review:** Reviewed the quarter one budget report.
- ◆ **YSI Purchase for AIS Monitoring Plan:** Staff presented the information to purchase an YSI monitor system for the water quality monitoring AIS plan for the amount of \$10,473.00. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Rathman and seconded by Nielsen to approve purchase of the YSI monitoring equipment as discussed.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Area VI MOU from Mark Schnobrich:** Discussed the MOU from Mark Schnobrich about water storage support. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Nielsen to support the water storage support resolution.
Roll Call Vote was taken by Chair Vogel:
Ayes – Nielsen, Roiger, Vogel;
Nays – Windschitl;
Abstain – Rathman
Motion Carried
- ◆ **Area VI June Meeting Hosting Duties:** Discussion on the location and dates for hosting the summer Area VI meeting. Manager was instructed to look into Turner Hall, New Ulm Legion, and Sleepy Eye Event Center for July 9 or 16 and report back at the May board meeting.
- ◆ **Second Vehicle Purchase:** Discussion was held on the second vehicle purchase options presented which included estimated prices for both a new and used F150 truck and Explorer through Chuck Spaeth Ford. A motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Rathman to purchase a new 2019 Explorer for up to \$35,000 maximum, which includes fees and taxes.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen
Abstain: Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Wood Lake Landowner Correspondence:** Discussion was held on correspondence received from landowners in the area of Wood Lake and CD28 ditch system.

◆ **Meeting Reports:**

- ◇ Windschitl and Krueger gave an update on the 2W2P meetings attended on March 20 and April 3 in St James.
- ◇ Nielsen gave an update on the SCTSA board meeting he attended on March 19 in Mankato and provided copies of meeting items to staff.
- ◇ Krueger gave a report about session 1 of training she attended in St Cloud on March 26 and 27 for the MASWCD Public Administration Training.

◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Nielsen to approve/attend the following upcoming meetings/events:

- ◇ Wednesday, April 17 – 2W2P Policy Committee Meeting, St James (Krueger advised there is no longer an April meeting scheduled)
- ◇ Monday, April 22 – MASWCD Area 6 Meeting, New Ulm (Rathman, Windschitl, Roiger, Nielsen, Gleisner, Remer)
- ◇ Thursday, May 2 – RCRCA Board Meeting, Marshall (Nielsen)
- ◇ Wednesday, May 8 – Brown SWCD Board Meeting, 4:00pm (All)
- ◇ Tuesday, April 23 – LWG Meeting, Sleepy Eye (Windschitl)
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned – 4:45pm

Secretary:  Date: 5-8-19