



Brown Soil and Water Conservation District



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Minutes of the February 20, 2020 Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN

Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm 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. Dean Simonsen – Brown County Commissioner
8. Jeremy Maul – BWSR Board Conservationist

AGENDA

- ◆ Motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Rathman to add BWSR Update after Commissioner Comments and accept the agenda.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Reviewed items. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Windschitl to accept consent agenda items as presented which included the January 8, 2020 Board Meeting minutes, the January 28, 2020 Annual Planning Meeting minutes, the January 2020 Treasurer's Report, the Bills Report dated January 2, 2020 to February 5, 2020, the MN Soil Health Coalition 2020 Dues payment of \$25.00, the LHAA 2020 Dues payment of \$20.00, and the Staff Reports dated January 2, 2020 to February 5, 2020.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

WATER PERMITS/WCA REPORTS

- ◆ No new WCA reports or water permits to advise on and a report of well records was handed out in the board packet.

PF/FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed written report provided by Zilverberg.

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Krueger advised comments received via email from Kjorness.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- ◆ Commissioner Simonsen advised he is attending the legislative conference next week and then advised on Ditch Committee meeting topics relating to ground spraying weed treatments on ditch buffers and also ditch clean outs and repairs.

BWSR UPDATE

- ◆ Jeremy Maul, BWSR Board Conservationist gave an update regarding eLINK reporting season, BWSR Board approved water plan extensions, CWF grant applications were approved, and advised the RFP for One Watershed One Plan grants will be noticed soon. The group also discussed open BC positions and cost share grant funds.

COST SHARE

- ◆ Reviewed the cost-share report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ None

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **2020 Annual Plan Approval:** A revised 2020 work plan was presented. A motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Rathman to accept the 2020 annual work plan.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **FY15 Flood Relief Grant Final Report:** Reviewed the final grant report presented. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Nielsen to accept the FY15 Flood Relief Grant report presented.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **MASWCD Legislative Days:** Discussed MASWCD event in March and none of the Supervisors plan to attend. Suggestion was made to send a letter to legislators in support of MASWCD Legislative Priorities. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Rathman to send a letter to legislators stating support of MASWCD 2020 Legislative Priorities.
Affirmative: Rathman, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: Vogel, Windschitl; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Farm Show Event:** Discussed farm show event. Nielsen will help cover a shift in the booth. No other Supervisors are available. SWCD staff will cover shifts as necessary.
- ◆ **Certificate of Deposit Option:** Krueger advised of a certificate of deposit option through SouthPoint and also advised current rates at First Security Bank. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Rathman to enroll the SouthPoint money market account funds into a 10-month CD option at SouthPoint for 2% rate.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Credit Card Option:** Discussed option of setting up a credit card account with SouthPoint and cancelling the debit card through First Security Bank. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Rathman that District Manager pursue the district credit card option through SouthPoint.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

- ◆ **New Securities Pledging Agreement:** Discussed the revised securities pledging agreements received from First Security Bank. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Windschitl to authorized Melanie, District Manager, to sign the new securities agreements with First Security Bank.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Meeting Reports:**
 - ◇ Rathman gave a report on the GBERBA meeting attended on January 10.
 - ◇ Windschitl and Krueger advised on the 2W2P meetings attended on January 15 and February 19 in St James. Discussed the implementation organizational structures also and the consensus of the board is to support the JPE option utilizing GBERBA.
 - ◇ Nielsen gave a report about the RCRCA meeting attended on February 6.
 - ◇ Nielsen attended the Area 6 planning meeting and gave an update.
- ◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Windschitl to approve/attend the following upcoming meetings/events:
 - ◇ Wednesday, February 19 – 2W2P Policy Committee Meeting, St James (Windschitl)
 - ◇ Thursday, March 5 – RCRCA Board Meeting, Marshall (Nielsen)
 - ◇ Wednesday, March 11 – Brown SWCD Board Meeting, 4:00pm (All)
 - ◇ Friday, March 6 – Saturday, March 7 – Farm Show (Nielsen)
 Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned – 5:40pm

Secretary:  Date: 3-11-2020