



Brown Soil and Water Conservation District



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Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN

Meeting was called to order at 4:17pm by Craig Fischer.

PRESENT

1. Craig Fischer – Chair
2. Mark Wellner – Vice-Chair
3. Brandon Anderson – Secretary
4. Jeff Nielsen – Treasurer
5. Melanie Krueger – District Manager
6. Dean Simonsen – Brown County Commissioner Liaison (entered 4:28pm)

ABSENT

1. Greg Roiger – PRI

AGENDA

- ◆ Motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Wellner to approve the agenda presented.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Discussed the Consent Agenda items presented which included the February 10, 2021 Board Meeting minutes, the February 2021 Treasurer's Report, the Bills Report dated February 4, 2021 to March 3, 2021, and the Staff Reports dated February 4, 2021 to March 3, 2021. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda items presented.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

WATER PERMITS/WCA REPORTS

- ◆ No items to report on this month

PF/FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed report provided by Zilverberg.

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Report was not provided this month.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- ◆ Commissioner Simonsen shared an update about COVID operations and vaccinations, road projects scheduled for this year, bids for ground spraying ditch systems this year, and responded to questions about the county road 8 bridge project.

COST SHARE REPORT & CONTRACTS

- ◆ Reviewed the cost-share report. There were no contracts for approval this month.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **AIS Contribution – 2021 Angling Buzz Project:** Discussed the annual request from Becker SWCD for an AIS funds contribution to the Linder Media Angling Buzz AIS Sponsorship project. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Nielsen to authorize an \$850 contribution to the 2021 Lindner Media Angling Buzz AIS project.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **First Security Bank Accounts:** Discussed information regarding the Securities Agreement in place with First Security Bank and also discussed the options for a savings or money market account with First Security Bank.
- ◆ **Area VI Chairs Planning Meeting:** Area 6 Chair, Mark Schnobrich sent notice of the annual chairs planning meeting. Discussed which Supervisor would attend and if there were any current topics of interest that Brown SWCD would like addressed at future area meetings. Fischer plans to attend the meeting and Wellner will be alternate. Water storage legislation is a topic of interest for a future area meeting.
- ◆ **SWCD Supervisor Locally Led Conservation Webinar:** Discussed the webinar being offered by MASWCD for local work group training to SWCD Supervisors. Manager will complete registration for Supervisors planning to attend.
- ◆ **Meeting Reports:**
 - ◇ Wellner gave a report on the RCRCA Board meeting attended March 4.
- ◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Wellner to approve and attend the upcoming meetings/events:
 - ◇ Friday, March 12 – GBERBA Policy Board Meeting (Anderson)
 - ◇ Tuesday, March 16 – SCTSA Board Meeting (Anderson)
 - ◇ Thursday, March 18 – MASWCD Legislative Briefing (Nielsen, Wellner, Anderson)
 - ◇ Thursday, March 25 – Area VI Chairs Planning Meeting (Fischer, Wellner-alternate)
 - ◇ Wednesday, March 31 – Locally Led Conservation Webinar (Anderson, Wellner, Nielsen, Roiger)
 - ◇ Thursday, April 1 – RCRCA Board Meeting (Wellner)
 - ◇ Wednesday, April 7 – Brown SWCD Board Meeting, 4:15pm (All) (meeting is rescheduled to April 7 from April 14)
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned – 5:46pm

Secretary: Melanie K. Schell Secretary Date: 4/7/2021