



**Minutes of the June 9, 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. Jeff Nielsen – Treasurer
4. Greg Roiger – PRI
5. Melanie Krueger – District Manager

ABSENT

1. Brandon Anderson - Secretary

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Discussed the Consent Agenda items presented which included the May 12, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, the May 2021 Treasurer's Report, the Bills Report dated May 6, 2021 to June 2, 2021, and the Staff Reports dated May 6, 2021 to June 2, 2021. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Nielsen to approve the consent agenda items presented.
Affirmative: Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

WATER PERMITS/WCA REPORTS

- ◆ Krueger gave an update about irrigation permit information and WCA site visits.

PF/FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT

- ◆ Position is currently vacant. Krueger gave an update on the hiring process.

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed report provided by Clarke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- ◆ Commissioner Simonsen was not able to attend the meeting.

COST SHARE REPORT & CONTRACTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **FY19 Buffer Grant Final Report:** Reviewed the final grant report information provided by Krueger. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Wellner to approve the final grant report and authorize signature for the FY19 Buffer Grant.
Affirmative: Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Cenex Credit Card:** District Manger advised she received notice from CHS Payment Solutions the Cenex Business Credit Card the district uses for gas purchases is being discontinued at end of this year and requested authorization to apply for the replacement option through CHS. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Nielsen to authorize District Manager to apply for and setup the new gas card option Cenex Voyager Fleet Credit Card.
Affirmative: Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **DNR Well Agreement:** The annual agreement with the DNR for observation well readings should be received this month via DocuSign for authorization and Krueger anticipates the agreement to be for the same wells as the past few years and requested authorization to accept the agreement upon receipt. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Wellner to authorize District Manager to accept and sign the annual observation well agreement with the DNR.
Affirmative: Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **2022 County Budget Request:** Reviewed the 2022 budget request prepared by Krueger. Discussion was held and an edit on page 2 was suggested to add language to support the increase request to help cover cost of living adjustments in addition to budget shortage. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Wellner to approve the 2022 County Budget Request with the edit as suggested.
Affirmative: Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Meeting Reports:**
 - ◇ Anderson was not present to give a report on the May 14 GBERBA Policy meeting. Krueger gave the group an update on the GBERBA Technical meeting from May 26.
 - ◇ Wellner gave a report about the RCRCA Board meeting he attended in Redwood on June 7 and the Lake Redwood Dredging project site visit after the meeting.
 - ◇ Krueger, Roiger, Wellner, and Nielsen gave a report about the Local Work Group Meeting attended just prior to today's board meeting.
- ◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Roiger to approve and attend the upcoming meetings/events:
 - ◇ Thursday, June 24 – SCTSA Board Meeting (Anderson)
 - ◇ Thursday, July 1 – RCRCA Board Meeting (Wellner)
 - ◇ Wednesday, July 14 – Brown SWCD Board Meeting, 4:15pm (All)Affirmative: Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned – 5:40pm

Secretary:  Date: 7/14/2021