



**Minutes of the June 8, 2022
Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting
Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN**

Meeting was called to order at 4:15pm by Craig Fischer.

PRESENT

1. Craig Fischer – Chair
2. Mark Wellner – Vice-Chair
3. Brandon Anderson – Secretary
4. Jeff Nielsen - Treasurer
5. Greg Roiger – PRI
6. Melanie Krueger – District Manager
7. Tony Berg – Brown County Commissioner

AGENDA

- ◆ Motion was made by Wellner and seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition of Conservation Agronomist MOU under new business.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Reviewed the consent agenda items presented which included the May 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, the May 2022 Treasurer's Report, the Bills Report dated May 7, 2022 to June 3, 2022, and the Staff Reports dated May 7, 2022 to June 3, 2022. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Nielsen to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

WATER PERMITS/WCA REPORTS

- ◆ Krueger gave an update on WCA program activities and DNR water permit notices.

PF/FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed written report provided by Fore.

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed written report provided by Clarke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- ◆ Commissioner Berg gave an update about some current activities at the county level.

COST SHARE REPORT & CONTRACTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **Supervisor Elections Update:** Krueger gave an update about supervisor recruiting and the individuals who filed for election in districts 2, 3 and 5.
- ◆ **Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P Update:** Krueger gave an update about status of a grant application for the Cottonwood-Middle MN watershed planning grant.
- ◆ **DNR Well Agreement:** Discussed the annual observation well agreement renewal with DNR. 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 for the 14 wells in Brown County and 1 new well in Nicollet County.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **MWPCP Training:** Discussed request for staff to attend MWPCP training in September. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Roiger to approve expenses for Alan Gleisner to attend the MWPCP training workshop in September.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **MASWCD Leadership Training:** Discussed the MASWCD Leadership Training Institute being offered in 2022-2023. None of the Supervisors wish to attend, Krueger is unable to attend due to conflicts with some dates, and Gleisner has requested approval to attend. Discussed overall cost of the training, utilizing unspent capital outlay budget funds for the \$5,000 fee, and pursuing scholarships if they are available with Area 6, MACDE or other sources. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Nielsen to authorize Alan Gleisner to attend the 2022-2023 MASWCD Leadership Training Institute.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **2023 County Budget Request:** Discussed the 2023 County Budget Request drafted by Krueger for approval and submission to Brown County by June 24. No edits were requested. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Wellner to approve the 2023 County Budget Request as presented.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Conservation Agronomist MOU:** Discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented regarding a Conservation Agronomist position being pursued by Renville SWCD with a request to partner with Redwood and Brown SWCDs to support the position. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Anderson to sign the MOU with Redwood and Renville SWCDs for Conservation Agronomist as presented.
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger
Abstain: Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Meeting Reports:**
 - ◇ Anderson gave a report about the GBERBA board meeting attended on May 13.
 - ◇ Wellner gave a report about the RCRCA board meeting attended on June 2.
- ◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Nielsen to approve the upcoming meetings/events:
 - ◇ Wednesday, June 15 – Minnesota River Congress (Roiger)
 - ◇ Wednesday, June 15 – Local Work Group Meeting (Wellner)

- ◇ Monday, June 20 and Wednesday, June 29 – Personnel Committee Meetings (Nielsen, Wellner)
- ◇ Thursday, June 23 – SCTSA Board Meeting (Wellner, Nielsen-backup)
- ◇ Tuesday, June 28 – MASWCD Area 6 Meeting (Nielsen, Roiger, staff attendees to be decided by Manager)
- ◇ Thursday, July 7 – RCRCA Board Meeting (Wellner)
- ◇ Wednesday, July 13 – Brown SWCD Board Meeting, 4:15pm (All)
Affirmative: Anderson, Fischer, Nielsen, Roiger, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned – 6:36pm

Secretary:  Date: 7/13/2022