



**Minutes of the November 12, 2024
Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting
Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN**

Meeting was called to order at 10:30am by Mark Wellner.

PRESENT

1. Mark Wellner – Vice-Chair
2. Brad Augustin – Secretary
3. Bill Eckstein - Treasurer
4. Rae Runck – PRI
5. Melanie Krueger – District Manager
6. Brian Braun – Brown County Commissioner Liaison

ABSENT

1. Craig Fischer – Chair

AGENDA

- ◆ Motion was made by Runck and seconded by Eckstein to approve the agenda with addition of December Banquet discussion under upcoming meetings/events.
Affirmative: Augustin, Eckstein, Runck, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Reviewed the consent agenda items presented which included the October 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, the September and October 2024 Treasurer's Reports, and the Bills Report dated October 3, 2024 to November 6, 2024. Motion was made by Eckstein and seconded by Runck to approve the consent agenda items presented.
Affirmative: Augustin, Eckstein, Runck, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

SWCD STAFF REPORTS

- ◆ Reviewed reports provided by Botz, Giefer, Krueger, Olson and Spence.

PF/FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed report provided by Ecker.

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed report provided by Kjorness.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- ◆ Commissioner Braun provided an update on recent activities at Brown County.

COST SHARE REPORT & CONTRACTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **2024 Quarter 3 Budget Report:** Reviewed the budget report.
- ◆ **MASWCD Convention:** Discussed attending the convention. None of the Supervisors are attending this year. Krueger advised none of the staff are attending either.
- ◆ **December Meeting Date:** Discussed a secondary date for the December board meeting if it needs to be rescheduled. Krueger will advise board members the first week of December if a reschedule is needed to the backup date of December 12 at 1:00pm.
- ◆ **8-Month CD Renewal:** Discussed options for renewing the funds at SouthPoint to a new certificate of deposit term and rate. Motion was made by Eckstein and seconded by Augustin to renew funds into a 5-month certificate of deposit with SouthPoint.
Affirmative: Augustin, Eckstein, Runck, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **2025 Health Insurance Benefits Renewal:** Discussed the health insurance benefits renewal information provided. Motion was made by Eckstein and seconded by Runck to approve renewal of the 2025 health insurance benefits as presented.
Affirmative: Augustin, Eckstein, Runck, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **2025 Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Renewal- TASC:** Discussed the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan renewal information provided. Motion was made by Augustin and seconded by Eckstein to approve renewal of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan with TASC for 2025 as presented.
Affirmative: Augustin, Eckstein, Runck, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Meeting Reports:**
 - ◇ Eckstein gave a report about the DNR Listening Session attended October 11.
 - ◇ Wellner, Eckstein, Krueger gave a Personnel Committee meeting update.
- ◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Augustin and seconded by Runck to approve the upcoming meetings/events:
 - ◇ Personnel Committee Meeting as needed (Eckstein, Wellner, Krueger)
 - ◇ Friday, November 15 – GBERBA Joint Policy/Technical Meeting (Augustin)
 - ◇ Wednesday, November 20 – Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting, 12:00pm, Springfield (Wellner, Eckstein)
 - ◇ Wednesday, November 20 – RCRCA Board Meeting & Annual Legislative Gathering, 2:00pm, Springfield (Eckstein)
 - ◇ Thursday, November 21 – MASWCD Area 6 Meeting, North Mankato (Runck, Staff)
 - ◇ December 2-4 – MASWCD Convention (no attendees)
 - ◇ Tuesday, December 10 – Brown SWCD Board Meeting, 10:30am (All)
 - ◇ December Banquet – discussed possible options for a banquet, no decision today, will discuss and decide next month
Affirmative: Augustin, Eckstein, Runck, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned – 12:06pm

Secretary: _____

Date: _____

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