



**Minutes of the May 13, 2025
Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting
Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN**

Meeting was called to order at 10:33am by Craig Fischer.

PRESENT

1. Craig Fischer – Chair
2. Mark Wellner – Vice-Chair
3. Brad Augustin – Secretary
4. Melanie Krueger – District Manager
5. Brian Braun – Brown County Commissioner Liaison (exited 11:29am)

ABSENT

1. Bill Eckstein – Treasurer
2. Rae Runck – PRI

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Reviewed the consent agenda items presented which included the April 8, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, the April 2025 Treasurer's Report, the Bills Report dated April 3, 2025 to May 7, 2025, the Lake Hanska Association dues of \$30.00, and the Drone Warranty Renewal for \$659.00. Motion was made by Augustin and seconded by Wellner to approve the consent agenda items presented.
Affirmative: Augustin, Fischer, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

SWCD STAFF REPORTS

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

PF/FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed staff report provided by Ecker.

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Reviewed report provided by Kjorness.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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

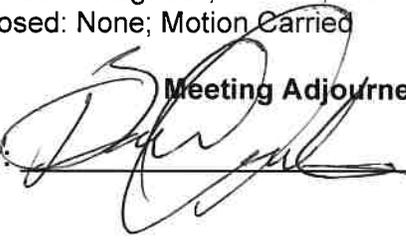
COST SHARE REPORT & CONTRACTS

- ◆ Reviewed the cost-share report and approved one new contract.
*Hailey Olson joined the meeting briefly to answer questions on the project.
 - ◆ WBIF-WW-24-08-03, Kathy Wellman, Shoreline Protection, Lake Hanska 30. Cost estimate of \$22,430.00 with 85% cost share of \$19,065.50. Watonwan Implementation grant funds through GBERBA will be used for the project. SCTSA will be technical provider for the project. Motion was made by Augustin and seconded by Wellner to recommend for approval to GBERBA, WBIF-WW-24-08-03 cost share contract with Kathy Wellman.
Affirmative: Augustin, Fischer, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- *Commissioner Braun exited meeting at 11:29am

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **Planning Communication Letter for 2024 Audit:** Reviewed the letter from Peterson Company regarding 2024 audit services information.
- ◆ **MASWCD Call for Resolutions:** Discussed the annual Call for Resolutions information from MASWCD. The SWCD does not have any resolutions to submit this year.
- ◆ **Area 6 Meeting Hosting Update:** Manager provided an update about the venue and agenda topics for the Area 6 meeting in June.
- ◆ **Meeting Reports:**
 - ◇ Augustin gave a report about the GBERBA Executive board meeting attended on April 11 via Webex.
 - ◇ Krueger gave a report on behalf of Eckstein about the RCRCA meeting attended on May 1 in Marshall.
- ◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Wellner and seconded by Augustin to approve the upcoming meetings/events:
 - ◇ Friday, May 30 – GBERBA Executive Board Meeting, 1:00pm, Windom or Webex (Augustin)
 - ◇ Thursday, June 5 – RCRCA Board Meeting, 9:00am, Redwood Falls (Eckstein)
 - ◇ Tuesday, June 10 – Brown SWCD Board Meeting, 10:30am (All)
Affirmative: Augustin, Fischer, Wellner
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned – 11:47am

Secretary:  _____ Date: 6-16-25