



Minutes from the June 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chairman David Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

David Davis  
Al Moline  
Marcia Stromgren\*  
Michael Lindgren

**Others Present:**

R.C. Boehm, SWCD Staff  
Erin Loeffler, BWSR Staff  
Jon Sellnow, NRCS Staff

**Members Absent:** Debra Taylor \*Arrived late

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Shaw payment will be added to the agenda under *Flood recovery actions*. Motion by Moline, seconded by Lindgren to approve the Agenda as revised.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of minutes Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Moline seconded by Lindgren to approve Minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Reports

**Financial Reports** The Board reviewed the financial report for May. Total fund balance as of May 31, 2017 was \$1,170,208.52. Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Moline to approve the financial report.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

**Treasurer's report** Moline reported that he reviewed everything prior to the meeting, and it looked fine. Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Moline to approve the report.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

**BWSR PRAP – Dale Krystosek, BWSR** Krystosek reviewed a Draft Performance Review and Assistance Program report with the Board. The SWCD is in compliance with 13 of 15 basic standards, and 8 of 14 high performance standards. The two action items are to update our personnel and data practices policies within 18 months.

*(Stomgren entered the meeting during this agenda item – 7:02)*

State Cost-share Program

**Flood recovery actions**

*SSL-003 Anderson Payment* The completed project is for stabilization in Cotton that started last year. Willow staking didn't get completed last year. Motion by Moline, seconded by Lindgren to approve final cost-share payment for \$2,100.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Stromgren Moline  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

*SSL-014 Betros Payment* The completed project is for stream stabilization in Lakewood that started last year. Willow staking didn't get completed last year. Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Stromgren to approve final cost-share payment for \$5,200.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

*SSL-092 Tom Strite Contract and Payment* The proposed project is a request to reimburse for the cost of emergency manure storage system pumping to protect water quality. The pumping was completed in June 2012. The cost is \$1,600. The approval of the contract and approving the final cost-share payment based on the completed voucher are combined. Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Moline to approve a cost-share contract and final payment for \$1,600.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

*SSL-078 Shaw Payment* The completed project is for stream stabilization. Final plantings were installed this year. Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Moline to approve final cost-share contract payment for \$12,166.04.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Grant Agreements *None*

Resolution to Adopt a Summary of Watercourses for inclusion in the St. Louis County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Lindgren offered the following resolution regarding the state buffer program, seconded by Moline:

Resolution 2017-1

To Adopt a Summary of Watercourses for Inclusion in the St. Louis County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan pursuant to Minnesota statues 103F.48 (Buffer Law).

Whereas; Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires SWCDs in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.

Whereas; The Board of Water and Soil Resources has adopted Buffer Law Implementation Policy #6 Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses")' which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said summary.

Whereas; The South St. Louis SWCD has discussed the components of BWSR Buffer Law Policy #6 with the local water management authority (St. Louis County) within its jurisdiction on May 8, 2017.

Whereas; The South St. Louis SWCD and the water management authority within its jurisdiction discussed watershed data, water quality data and land use information as a criteria in the development of the summary of watercourses.

Whereas; The South St. Louis SWCD has assessed the water quality benefits that buffers and alternative practices could provide and determined that current State and Federal programs have eligibility criteria for watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; The South St. Louis SWCD and St. Louis County determined that the Buffer protection map completed by the MN DNR is inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the voluntary installation of a buffer or filter strip within the South St. Louis SWCD’s jurisdiction and that no “other watercourses” need to be added to or excluded from the map.

Whereas; producing a map of all the watercourses meeting the eligibility criteria would be time consuming and may not be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Therefore be it resolved that; The summary of watercourses for South St Louis County shall be provided to St. Louis County in map and shapefile format, as required by BWSR Buffer Law Policy #6. This map will be identical to the Buffer protection map prepared by the MN DNR with all associated changes.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren  
Opposed: None **Resolution Passed**

MASWCD Resolutions and Area 3 Meeting Three resolutions were approved; these were about hiring a BWSR forester, MASWCD publishing legislative expenses, and starting a shoreline stewardship program.

District Conservationist’s Report Jon Sellnow provided a written and verbal report. Sellnow also talked about a new Operational Agreement with NRCS and the SWCD. He has prepared the agreement. Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Moline to approve the Operational Agreement.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren  
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Committee and Board Membership Reports

**Area III SWCD TSA** No report

**SWCD Forestry Association** The meeting in May had a good turnout. Topics of the meeting were funding for Areas 3 & 8 Forester and the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act

**Laurentian RC&D** Moline discussed some of the work being completed. There will be a stream workshop in October. They have received an Enbridge Eco-footprint Grant.

**MASWCD Northeast Area 3** No report.

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

**Stromgren** talked about the fair and offering a bundle of trees as an award for the tree ID game, talked about the Cloquet river canoe trip, and 2025 Minnesota water quality town hall meetings.

**Moline** attended an Enbridge public meeting in Floodwood.

Other Business None

Supervisor Expenses Davis reviewed Supervisor expense forms with the Board. Motion by Lindgren seconded by Moline to approve Supervisor expenses.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren  
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Adjourn Motion by Lindgren to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren  
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved

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Michael Lindgren, Secretary

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Date