



Minutes from the December 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chairman David Davis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present:

David Davis
Michael Lindgren
Al Moline
Marcia Stromgren
Debra Taylor*

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff
Jon Sellnow, NRCS Staff
Ann Thompson, SWCD Staff
Tim Beaster, SWCD Staff
Kate Kubiak, SWCD Staff
Erin Loeffler, BWSR Staff

Members Absent:

***Arrived Late**

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Moline to approve the Agenda as amended.

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

Approval of minutes Motion by Stromgren seconded by Lindgren to approve the Minutes from the October Regular Board Meeting.

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

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial report for November. Total fund balance as of November 30, 2018 was \$324,268.15. Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Moline to approve the financial report.

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

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

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

Preliminary 2018 Budget Boheim reviewed the draft 2019 Budget for \$1,484,975. Final action will be taken in January.

Project Presentations Kubiak, Beaster and Thompson gave presentations about projects completed during this past year.

Water Planning Resolution 2018 – 2 Accepting Watershed-based Planning Responsibilities Southern St. Louis County

Supervisor Lindgren offered the following resolution, No. 2018 -2, and moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Water Round Table, (Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts) recommended that the current local water management structure in Minnesota should transition to a comprehensive watershed-based approach based on 81 major watersheds in its Policy Paper dated November 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota supports and allows for planning on a watershed scale as set forth in M.S. 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources has started providing watershed-based implementation funding to LGUs to fund projects that are identified in a comprehensive watershed plan developed under the One Watershed, One Plan (Laws of Minnesota 2017, Chapter 91, Article 2, Section 7 (a); and,

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan can be delegated to the SWCD, under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District is willing to accept this responsibility; and,

WHEREAS the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has completed or is in the process of completing Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) plans for the St. Louis River Watershed, the Duluth Urban Watershed and the Cloquet Watershed and these studies are a valuable resource in St. Louis County Watershed planning; and;

WHEREAS, the South St. Louis SWCD staff has been assisting the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in the development of the WRAPS for local watersheds since 2012 and is therefore qualified to develop a comprehensive watershed plan in our District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South St. Louis SWCD would accept the responsibility of comprehensive planning on a watershed-basis for southern St. Louis County.

Supervisor Stromgren seconded the adoption of the resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: Ayes: Five Nays: Zero

(Taylor arrived during this item – 7:32)

State Cost-share Program

Maki erosion and sediment control The proposed project is a stream stabilization project in Industrial Township. The cost estimate is \$9,331. Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Taylor to approve a cost-share contract with a cost-share rate of 75% of approved costs or \$6,998.25, whichever is less. The project must be completed by December 31, 2019.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Nonstructural Land Management Practices Kubiak explained the Implementation Plan Request. FY2019 Cost share funding would be eligible to be used for various practices primarily related to forestry. Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Moline to approve the request.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren. Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Grant Agreements

DNR Mission Creek Amendment Motion by Lindgren, seconded by Taylor to approve an amendment reducing the agreement from \$1,250,000 to \$850,000.

Affirmative: Davis, Lindgren, Moline, Stromgren. Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

DNR Sargent Creek Amendment Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Lindgren to approve an amendment extending the grant deadline to December 31, 2019.

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

District Conservationist's Report Jon Sellnow provided a verbal and written report.

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD TSA Meets in January.

SWCD Forestry Association Moline reported that the last meeting was on November 15th. There was a speaker from DNR.

Laurentian RC&D Moline reported that the steam conference held in January was successful.

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 Stromgren and Moline discussed the MASWCD convention held earlier this month.

Other Business

MASWCD Dues Motion by Lindgren seconded by Taylor to approve paying \$3,190.98 for MASWCD Dues.

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

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Taylor attended a joint MASWCD Legislative Committee Meeting. She will be getting in touch with the newly elected member for House District 6B.

Stromgren discussed presentations that Beth and Kate will give that she arranged.

Taylor stated it was good to be in the room.

Other Business None.

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

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

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved

Michael Lindgren, Secretary

Date