



Minutes from the May 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chair David Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Members Present:

David Davis

Al Moline

Marcia Stromgren

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff

Kate Kubiak, SWCD Staff

Members Absent:

Michael Lindgren

Debra Taylor

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Motion by Moline, seconded by Stromgren to approve the Agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Stromgren

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Moline seconded by Stromgren to approve Minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Stromgren

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports for April. Total fund balance as of April 30, 2020 was \$730,321.68. Motion by Moline, seconded by Stromgren to approve the financial reports.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Stromgren

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

COVID-19 response Boheim reported to the Board. Staff are working from home per the Governor's Executive Orders. The Orders state *must work from home if you can*. Working remotely has worked well. No one will be forced to go back to the office immediately, even if allowed by the state. Individual staff could have multiple situations caused by COVID-19. A safety plan is being developed based on state templates.

Current funding is good, but future revenue could be negatively impacted by the economic downturn. Especially legacy funding sources. Our Forester has taken a position with North St. Louis SWCD, so that change takes pressure off future funding.

State Cost-share Program

Well Sealing - Tollerud The proposed project is for well sealing in the city of Duluth. The cost estimate is \$1,200. Motion by Moline, seconded by Stromgren to approve a cost-share contract with a cost-share rate of 50% of approved costs or \$600, whichever is less. The project must be completed by December 31, 2020.

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

Grant Agreements None

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Stromgren was at a Rice Lake meeting and stated the SWCD could provide well sealing assistance.

Stromgren stated someone asked her about a property on Lismore Road, and she asked if they have called the office.

Stromgren asked about the Treasurer's report. Moline will be able to come to the office in two to three weeks.

Stromgren asked about the recommended use of Round Up for buck thorn removal. Kubiak stated Duluth Collaborative Invasive Species Management Area should be consulted.

Moline discussed the last Forestry Association Meeting. Lindberg Ekola (BWSR) discussed forestry and 1W1P watershed planning.

Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Moline that Supervisors are eligible for per diem for meetings they are a part of during the pandemic

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

Other Business

The District 1 Supervisor Position was discussed. Anyone wishing to run must file by June 2nd.

Supervisor Expenses Supervisors should hold expenses for later or mail to the office for payment.

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.