



Minutes from the January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Vice-Chair Debra Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Members Present:

Al Moline
Marcia Stromgren
Debra Taylor
John Tollgaard

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff

Members Absent:

Election of 2021 Officers Motion by Moline, seconded by Tollgaard to nominate Taylor for Chair. Motion by Stromgren to nominate Moline for Chair. No support. The vote was called for the only nomination before the Board (Taylor nominated for Chair):

Affirmative: Moline, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: Stromgren ***Motion Carried***

Motion by Moline, seconded by Tollgaard to nominate Stromgren for Vice-Chair.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: ***Motion Carried***

Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Stromgren to nominate Moline for Treasurer.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: ***Motion Carried***

Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Moline to nominate Tollgaard for Secretary.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: ***Motion Carried***

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

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

2021 Committee Assignments Taylor asked for nominations for the committee. Stromgren nominated Tollgaard. Taylor stated she was willing to continue with the committee. Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Moline for Tollgaard and Taylor to serve on the Personnel Committee.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: ***Motion Carried***

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Stromgren seconded by Moline to approve the Minutes.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports. Total fund balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$668,927.44. Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Stromgren to approve the financial report.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Treasurer's Report Moline reported he reviewed everything last Monday, and everything checked out fine. Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Tollgaard to approve the report.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Personnel Committee Report Taylor reported about the Personnel Committee Meeting was held last week. The Committee recommends 3% increases for Boheim and Venhuizen, and 10% increases for Beaster and Thompson. Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Moline to adopt the Committee recommendation for 2021 salaries.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

2021 Budget The draft 2021 Budget is for \$1,253,719. The Board reviewed the Budget. Motion by Moline, seconded by Tollgaard to approve the 2021 budget as presented.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Designation of 2021 Financial Institutions Motion by Moline, seconded by Tollgaard to designate Northshore Bank and Centrixy Credit Union as SWCD financial institutions for 2021.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

COVID-19 response Boheim reported that there are no updates. Staff continue working from home per the Governor's Executive Orders.

State Cost-share Program None

Grant Agreements None

District Conservationist's Report No report

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area (Nonpoint Engineering Assistance) Boheim reported it was a routine meeting. Taylor also attended as a guest. Taylor stated she would like to represent the SWCD on TSA. Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Moline for Taylor to be on the TSA Board.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

SWCD Forestry Association Moline reported there was a presentation from Blandin at the last meeting. Representation on this committee was considered. Stromgren wants committee membership divided up. Tollgaard nominated Moline for the committee. Stromgren nominated Tollgaard for the committee. Tollgaard stated he does not want the position. Stromgren nominated herself for the committee. Taylor called for a voice vote for each nominee. Moline: Tollgaard, Moline. Stromgren: Stromgren. Taylor did not vote. Moline will remain on the committee.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Taylor asked for nomination. Moline stated he would like to remain on this board and nominated himself. Taylor asked for a voice vote for Moline to stay on this Board: Yes: Moline, Taylor, Tollgaard No: Stromgren

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 Taylor briefly explained that Area 3 was part of our grass roots structure and is our connection to the state Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts.

St. Louis River 1W1P Policy Committee At the last meeting Advisory Committee membership was established. Moline is the member and Stromgren is the alternate.

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Taylor reminded Supervisors to get Campaign Finance reports turned in.

Stromgren asked about wetland projects and voting for the MASWCD Annual Meeting.

Other Business

District 4 Supervisor Staff will start the process to get applications for the position.

Supervisor Expenses Taylor reminded Supervisors to send in forms.

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Moline, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.