



Minutes from the March 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Gary Rantala called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Members Present:

Joan Farnam, Cook SWCD
Bob Fox, Carlton SWCD
Kelly Henry, Pine SWCD
Kim Johnson, Kanabec SWCD
Gary Rantala, North St. Louis SWCD
Deb Taylor, South St. Louis SWCD

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, South St. Louis SWCD
Matias Valero, TSA Staff
Ben Larson, TSA Staff
Mary Krueger, TSA Staff
Tanner Varo, TSA Staff
Tara Solem, Lake SWCD

Members Absent:

Frank Turnock, Aitkin SWCD
Beth Hippert, Lake SWCD
Bob Hoefert, Mille Lacs SWCD

Introductions None

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Personnel Committee report will be added to the Agenda. Motion by Taylor, seconded by Fox to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Farnam, Fox, Henry, Johnson, Rantala, Taylor
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Approval of minutes Minutes from the January Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Taylor, seconded by Fox to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Farnam, Fox, Henry, Johnson, Rantala, Taylor
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Financial and Administrative Report

Financial Report Boheim reviewed the financial report. Current total assets as of March 19, 2021 were \$479,446.84. Motion by Farnam, seconded by Taylor to accept the financial report.

Affirmative: Farnam, Fox, Henry, Johnson, Rantala, Taylor
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

TSA Purchases Valero reported that purchasing software will be discussed later in the year. Staff are also investigating the potential purchase of a drone.

Personnel Committee Report Gary Rantala reported the Committee met regarding Ben Larson. He recommended Ben Larson, E.I.T (Conservation Engineering Technician) have his title changed to Project Engineer and receive a 6% pay increase. If approved, there would be no salary increase in June when these issues are normally addressed. Motion by Rantala, seconded by Fox to approve the recommendation.

Affirmative: Farnam, Fox, Henry, Johnson, Rantala, Taylor
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Treasurer's Report Fox reviewed bank statements and vouchers late last week, and everything lined up perfectly. Motion by Taylor, seconded by Johnson to accept the report.

Affirmative: Farnam, Fox, Henry, Johnson, Rantala, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Project / Technical Assistance Reports Matias discussed the project spreadsheet. Field work will start soon

Meeting SWCD Technical Needs

Rantala stated it would be a busy summer.

Other Business

Rantala discussed TSA getting a drone.

Next meeting date June 23, 2021 at 10:00 am. Maybe the meeting can be held in person.

Adjourn Motion by Farnam to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Affirmative: Farnam, Fox, Henry, Johnson, Rantala, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Approved

_____ **Treasurer/Secretary**

_____ **Date**