



Minutes from the June 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Gary Rantala called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Members Present:

Joan Farnam, Cook SWCD
Bob Fox, Carlton SWCD
Jerry Telker, 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
Alyssa Alness Bloss, Carlton SWCD
Phil Norvitch, North St. Louis SWCD
Paul Vartmann, TSA Staff
Erin Loeffler, BWSR
Deanna Pomije, Kanabec SWCD

Members Absent:

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

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

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

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

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

Financial and Administrative Report

Financial Report Boheim reviewed the financial report. Current total assets as of June 14, 2021 were \$729,791.90. Motion by Taylor, seconded by Farnam to accept the financial report.

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

Personnel Committee Report Gary Rantala reported the Committee met prior to the Regular Meeting. The Committee discussed salaries and evaluations. Motion by Rantala, seconded by Farnam to increase salaries 4% for Krueger, Valero, Varo, and Vartmann.

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

TSA Purchases – Topper, truck accessories Larson discuss the need to buy a topper and pull-out bed tray, due to the purchase of the new truck. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Fox to approve the purchases up to \$4,000.

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

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Treasurer's Report Fox reviewed bank statements and vouchers on Monday, and reported everything looked good. Motion by Telker, seconded by Taylor to accept the report.

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

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Carlton project adaptative management Valero discussed the idea of using TSA funds to fund repair work on a past project in Carlton. The Board requested more information. Motion by Taylor, seconded by Telker to table this issue until September and request an estimate is available for this project, and a list of criteria is developed to inform future requests and decisions like this.

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

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Project / Technical Assistance Reports Matias discussed the project spreadsheet.

Meeting SWCD Technical Needs

Alyssa Alness Bloss discussed the use of forms and meeting she learned about to aid project management.

Kim Johnson discussed the oak wilt problem in Kanabec SWCD

Other Business

Erin Loeffler discussed the potential for a state government shutdown.

Next meeting date September 22, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Adjourn Motion by Taylor to adjourn the meeting.

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

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.