



Minutes from the September 22, 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
Andre LaSalle, Mille Lacs SWCD
Kim Johnson, Kanabec SWCD
Gary Rantala, North St. Louis SWCD
Deb Taylor, South St. Louis SWCD
Beth Hippert, Lake SWCD

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, South St. Louis SWCD
Matias Valero, TSA Staff
Ben Larson, TSA Staff
Mary Krueger, TSA Staff
Deanna Pomije, Kanabec SWCD
Tara Solem, Lake SWCD
Alyssa Alness Bloss, Carlton SWCD
Anita Provinzino, North St. Louis SWCD
Erin Loeffler, BWSR
Paul Swanson, Pine SWCD

Members Absent:

Frank Turnock, Aitkin SWCD
Jerry Telker, Pine SWCD

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Motion by Farnam, seconded by Fox to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Farnam, Fox, LaSalle, Rantala, Taylor

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

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

Affirmative: Farnam, Fox, LaSalle, Rantala, Taylor

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Financial and Administrative Report

Financial Report Boheim reviewed the financial report. Current total assets as of September 14, 2021 were \$612,042.58. Motion by Taylor, seconded by Farnam to accept the financial report.

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

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

FY 2022 BWSR Grants Motion by Johnson, seconded by Fox to accept the FY2022 NPEA and Capacity grants for \$370,000.

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

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Engineering Technician Position We have been unable to attract suitable candidates. Boheim suggests we increase the top salary for the position so we might be able to attract more people. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Farnam to post the job with a starting salary range of \$46,000 - \$56,000 per year.

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

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

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

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

Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Carlton project adaptative management Staff reviewed a list of criteria is developed to inform project requests using TSA funds. Minor changes were made to the document. Motion by Farnam, seconded by Taylor to approve the project criteria (attached).

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

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

The Board considered using TSA funds to pay for repair work on the in Michaelson project in Carlton. The cost estimate is \$32,246. Motion by Fox, seconded by Taylor to approve the funding, give the Host District Manager the ability to spend more is needed.

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

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Project / Technical Assistance Reports Matias discussed the project spreadsheet.

Meeting SWCD Technical Needs

Paul Swanson reported TSA has been helpful for him.

Gary Rantala discussed zebra muscles

Other Business

Boheim went over guidance about the Open Meeting law from MCIT.

Next meeting date January 26, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Adjourn Motion by Taylor, seconded by Farnam to adjourn the meeting.

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

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

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