



Minutes from the March 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Vice Chair Brandon Silgjord called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Members Present:**

Al Moline  
Brandon Silgjord  
Marcia Stromgren  
John Tollgaard

**Others Present:**

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff  
Allison, Praet, NRCS Staff

**Members Absent:**

Debra Taylor

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

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Moline to approve the Minutes.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Financial and Administrative Reports

**Financial Reports** The Board reviewed the financial reports. Total fund balance as of February 28, 2023 was \$481,292.51. Motion by Moline, seconded by Tollgaard to approve the financial report.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Tollgaard

Opposed: Stromgren *Motion Carried*

**Treasurer's Report** Moline reported he reviewed prior to the meeting for the past two months, and everything looked fine. Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Silgjord to approve the report.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Tollgaard

Opposed: Stromgren *Motion Carried*

**Conservation Specialist Position** Boheim reported that 69 people applied for the position, and seven will be interviewed.

**Vehicle Purchase** Boheim introduced the idea of purchasing a new SWCD vehicle using BWSR Capacity funds. A work plan amendment will be necessary from BWSR. The Board was supportive, and staff will move forward with the process and get a couple of quotes.

District Conservationist's Report Praet provided a written verbal report.

State Cost-share Program

**Lawns to Legumes Contract Bloss:** Motion by Moline, seconded by Tollgaard to approve \$500 for a Pollinator Raingarden.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Tollgaard  
Opposed: Stromgren *Motion Carried*

**Lawns to Legumes Contract Bloss:** Motion by Moline, seconded by Tollgaard to approve \$500 for a Pollinator Meadow.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Tollgaard  
Opposed: Stromgren *Motion Carried*

#### Grant Agreements

**Cool it! Miller Creek Stormwater BMPs Amendment** Motion by Moline, seconded by Tollgaard to approve the amendment for an extension to September 30, 20223.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Tollgaard  
Opposed: Stromgren *Motion Carried*

#### Committee and Board Membership Reports

**Area III SWCD Technical Service Area (Nonpoint Engineering Assistance)** Silgjord reported a new GPS survey system will be purchased for \$41,000 using BWSR funding.

**SWCD Forestry Association** Met in January. There is discussion about reopening General Andrews Nursery.

**Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development** Met in January. Moline is Treasurer for 2023. Discussed the Carbon Credit Program.

**MASWCD Northeast Area 3** The Fall Meeting will be at the Cloquet Forestry Center.

**St Louis River 1W1P Process/Policy Committee** The Policy Committee will meet next Thursday.

#### Supervisor Reports and Concerns

**Stromgren** says she needs things mailed to her prior to the meeting.

**Board Members** discussed what they need to be sent prior to the meeting.

**Silgjord** stated big and contentious items should be sent prior to the meeting. Other than that, keep the Board informed as has been done.

**Tollgaard** discussed a project report. There should be some sort of report twice per year that includes an in-person presentation.

**Stromgren** discussed Legislative Days and stated we should go to the Capital in December too. She will be volunteering for the Envirothon. She will go to the St. Louis County townships meeting. She will go to the Spring Gardening Extravaganza.

#### Other Business None

Supervisor Expenses Silgjord reviewed expense reports with the Board. Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Moline to approve the reports.

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

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.