



Minutes from the April 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chair Debra Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present:

Al Moline
Brandon Silgjord
Marcia Stromgren
Debra Taylor
John Tollgaard

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

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

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Moline, seconded by Silgjord to approve the Minutes.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

District Conservationist's Report Praet provided a written verbal report. A Local Workgroup Meeting is needed in June. NRCS will handle it.

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports. Total fund balance as of March 31, 2023 was \$481,626.31. Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Silgjord to approve the financial report.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Treasurer's Report Moline reported he reviewed prior to the meeting, and everything checked out.

Motion by Silgjord, seconded by Tollgaard to approve the report.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Additional Check Signer North Shore Bank Motion by Silgjord, seconded by Tollgaard to adopt a policy that the Board Chair is an additional signer for the North Shore Bank checking account.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Updated 2023 Budget Boheim presented an updated budget that provides updated revenue for the year and supports adding an additional position and the purchase of an additional SWCD vehicle. The updated budget is \$1,849,138. Motion by Silgjord, seconded by Moline to approve the budget.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Conservation Specialist Position Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Moline to authorize the District Manager hire a Conservation Specialist with a salary range of \$46,000 – to \$61,000 per year.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Vehicle Purchase Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Silgjord to authorize the District Manager to purchase an additional SWCD vehicle authorized up to \$40,000.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

State Cost-share Program None

Grant Agreements None

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area (Nonpoint Engineering Assistance) Tollgaard attended the meeting today. He discussed some potential questions to be asked in evaluation of engineering services.

SWCD Forestry Association Moline reported there was a speaker from DNR about tree diseases.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Moline reported they discussed the Carbon Credit Program. He also attended a state RC&D meeting.

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 The spring resolution meeting is June 9th. The Fall Meeting will be at the Cloquet Forestry Center in September.

St Louis River 1W1P Process/Policy Committee Meets tomorrow to approve the MOA and Budget

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Silgjord stated the Personnel Committee received complaints about a Supervisor. The Board discussed the situation. Board members should only be contacting the District Manager, not other staff. If a Supervisor is presenting any material at an event, that material needs to be approved by the Board in advance.

Silgjord is leaving St. Louis County and will be resigning from the Board, likely after the May Board Meeting.

Stromgren went to the St. Louis County townships meeting and talked about partners. She also went to the Spring Gardening Extravaganza at her own expense. She also would like approval to volunteer for the Envirothon on May 1st. Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Silgjord to approve attendance.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Other Business None

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

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Moline, Silgjord, Stromgren, Taylor, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.