



Minutes from the January 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Treasurer Al Moline called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made.

Members Present:

Paul Fish
Al Moline
Marcia Stromgren
John Tollgaard

Others Present:

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

Members Absent: Debra Taylor

Election of 2024 Officers

Moline nominated Tollgaard for Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion by Fish to close nominations and elect Tollgaard, seconded by Moline.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Tollgaard nominated Fish for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion by Fish to close nominations and elect Fish, seconded by Moline.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Tollgaard nominated Moline for Treasurer and Secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion by Fish to close nominations and elect Moline, seconded by Moline.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

2024 Committee Assignments

The Personnel Committee Members will be Tollgaard and Fish.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard
Opposed: None

All other committees will remain the same.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard
Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of Minutes Minutes from the December Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve the Minutes.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports. Total fund balance as of December 31, 2023 was \$1,596,816.73. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the Financial Report.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

(Stromgren arrived during this item)

Treasurer’s Report Moline reported he went through material prior to the meeting, and everything matched up and looked good. Motion by Fish, seconded by Stromgren to approve the Treasurer’s reports.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Personnel Committee Report The committee met prior to the meeting. Tollgaard recommended 8% increases for Venhuizen and Beaster and 5% for Kasun and Boheim. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the recommended salary increases.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

2024 Budget The Board reviewed the Draft 2024 Budget for \$1,573,755. Board decision on the Budget will in January. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the 2024 Budget.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Designation of 2024 Financial Institutions Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to designate North Shore Bank and Centriqy Federal Credit Union banks for 2024.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Kyle Hildebrandt Probationary Period Completion Boheim reported Hildebrandt has completed his probationary period and is doing a very good job. Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to increase Hildebrandt salary by \$500/year.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

St. Louis River Funding Agreements Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve grant dispersal agreements for Lake SWCDs.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

State Cost-share Program None

Grant Agreements

CPL Buckingham Creek Brook Trout Restoration Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve grant agreement for \$390,000 and authorize staff to sign.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

District Conservationist’s Report Praet discussed her written report.

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area Meets next week.

SWCD Forestry Association Meets tomorrow.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Meets Monday

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 No report.

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Stromgren wants to meet during the day. Discussion suggested meeting during the day December 1st though April 1st might be possible. Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Moline to move to daytime meetings December 1st through April 1st.

- Affirmative: None
- Opposed: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard ***Motion Failed***
- Abstained: Stromgren

Other Business

The fundraiser for a Mille Lacs SWCD Supervisor was discussed. Stromgren wants to present using a SWCD tri-fold display at the St. Louis County Township Officers meeting. This must be approved by the Board in advance. Motion by Stromgren to present at the meeting. There was no second.

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

- Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard
- Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

- Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard
- Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.