



Minutes from the September 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Gary Rantala called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Introductions were made.

Members Present:

Bob Fox, Carlton SWCD
Beth Hippert, Lake SWCD
Andre LaSalle, Mille Lacs SWCD
Gary Rantala, North St. Louis SWCD
John Tollgaard, South St. Louis SWCD
Hillary Freeman, Cook SWCD
Tom Fasteland, Aitkin SWCD
Mike Cummins, Pine SWCD
Kim Johnson, Kanabec SWCD

Others Present:

Matias Valero, TSA Staff
R.C. Boheim, South St. Louis SWCD
Mary Krueger, TSA Staff
Chad Severts, BWSR
Tara Solem, Lake SWCD
Deanna Pomije, Kanabec SWCD
Anita Provinzino, North St. Louis SWCD
Ryan Hughes, BWSR Staff
Alyssa Bloss, Carlton SWCD
Jerah Mattson, Kanabec SWCD

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

Affirmative: Fox, Hippert, LaSalle, Rantala, Tollgaard, Freeman, Fasteland, Cummins
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Approval of minutes Minutes from the March Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Fox, seconded by Tollgaard to approve the minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Fox, Hippert, LaSalle, Rantala, Tollgaard, Freeman, Fasteland, Cummins
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Financial and Administrative Report

Financial Report Boheim reviewed the financial report. Current total assets as of September 19, 2023 were \$495,094.19 Motion by Fox, seconded by Fasteland to accept the financial report.

Affirmative: Fox, Hippert, LaSalle, Rantala, Tollgaard, Freeman, Fasteland, Cummins
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

FY24 BWSR TSA Grants Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Tollgaard to accept BWSR NPEA (\$127,500) and BWSR Shared Services (\$242,500) grants and authorize the Manger to sign the agreements.

Affirmative: Fox, Hippert, LaSalle, Rantala, Tollgaard, Freeman, Fasteland, Cummins
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Juneteenth Federal and State Holiday June 19th Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Hippert to add Juneteenth as a TSA Holiday.

Affirmative: Fox, Hippert, LaSalle, Rantala, Tollgaard, Freeman, Fasteland, Cummins
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

TSA Purchases None

Treasurer's Report Fox reviewed bank statements and vouchers yesterday and everything lines up. Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Cummins to accept the report.

Affirmative: Fox, Hippert, LaSalle, Rantala, Tollgaard, Freeman, Fastland, Cummins

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Project / Technical Assistance Reports Valero gave a presentation about projects and discussed the written project report. Rantala asked if workload is manageable for current staff. Valero said they are in good shape.

Meeting SWCD Technical Needs

Rantala discussed and Embarrass River Project.

Other Business

Ryan Hughes discussed the new BWSR Conservation Contracts project.

Next meeting date January 24, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Adjourn Motion by Fox, seconded by Fastland to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Fox, Hippert, LaSalle, Rantala, Tollgaard, Freeman, Fastland, Cummins, Johnson

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.