



Minutes from the February 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chair John Tollgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present:

Paul Fish
Al Moline
Marcia Stromgren
John Tollgaard

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff
Allison Praet, NRCS
Melanie Bomier, BWSR

Members Absent: Debra Taylor

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

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

Approval of Minutes The Board reviewed Minutes from the January Meeting. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the Minutes with minor corrections.

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

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports. Total fund balance as of January 31, 2024 was \$1,642,805.62. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the Financial Report.

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

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

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

St. Louis River Funding Agreements – St. Louis County Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve a grant dispersal agreement for St. Louis County.

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

District Conservationist's Report Praet discussed her written report.

State Cost-share Program None

Grant Agreements None

Buckingham Creek EAW Record of Decision Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to accept the Record of Decision for the Buckingham Creek EAW.

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

MASWCD Legislative Days Legislative Days are March 12th and 13th. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve Tollgaard and Stromgren attendance. Stromgren is a maybe and will let the office know if she is going.

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

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area Tollgaard reported the meeting was in January, and he is now the Chair.

SWCD Forestry Association Met in January. BWSR will be unable to continue to provide staff support for the Committee.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Moline discussed the Enbridge Grant and upcoming Executive Committee Meeting.

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 No report.

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Stromgren reported the Envirothon budget is low. She also spoke about the SWCD at the St. Louis County Township Officers meeting.

Other Business

Melanie Bomier introduced herself as the new BWSR Board Conservationist.

Fish Asked about state tiling legislation and reported there will be a new UM Extension position in St. Louis County.

Moline asked about SWCD staff attendance at Forestry Association meetings.

Supervisor Expenses Tollgaard reviewed expense reports with the Board. Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish 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 7:58 p.m.