



Minutes from the March 20, 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
Jake Janski
Debra Taylor

Members Absent:

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

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

Approval of Minutes The Board reviewed Minutes from the February Meeting. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline 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 February 29, 2024 was \$1,547,734.19. Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve the Financial Report.

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

Treasurer's Report Moline reported he went through material prior to the meeting and reported everything checked out fine. Motion by Fish, seconded by Tollgaard to approve the Treasurer's reports.

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

District Conservationist's Report Praet discussed her written report.

(Stromgren entered meeting)

Cost-share & Project Approvals

SLR: Donald Mitchell Forest Stewardship Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve St. Louis River funding for forest stewardship planning for 159 acres for \$300 and \$10 per acre.

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

SLR: Hermantown YMCA Stormwater Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve St. Louis River funding for \$1,500 to construct two pollinator pockets.

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

Grant Agreements

Magney-Snively Natural Area Stream Assessment \$20,000 Motion by Moline, seconded by Stromgren to approve an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to do assessment work on Stewart and Sargent Creeks.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

US FWS Kingsbury Creek Restoration \$200,000 Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Fish to approve an agreement with USFWS for Kingsbury Creek Restoration.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Stromgren, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

MASWCD Legislative Days Tollgaard and Stromgren attended. Leaders were supportive about SWCD funding, but not optimistic that there would be any increase this year.

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area The meeting is next week.

SWCD Forestry Association Meets next week.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Moline reported Executive Committee Meeting held in Floodwood. There will be a Regular Meeting on Monday

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 Area Director Jake Janski reported the Resolution Meeting will be June 7th. He also told the Board the MASWCD Annual Convention will be December 2nd – 4th.

St. Louis River Watershed No report.

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Stromgren attended the St. Louis County Township Officers meeting and asked about a Barrs Lake landowner.

Fish and Stromgren asked about remote meetings. Boheim will send guidance from MCIT.

Other Business None

Supervisor Expenses Tollgaard reviewed expense reports with the Board. Motion by Stromgren, 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 7:45 p.m.