



Minutes from April 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

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

Members Present:

John Tollgaard
Al Moline
Paul Fish
Jim Kruse

Others Present:

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

Not Present:

Debra Taylor

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

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

Approval of Minutes The Board reviewed Minutes from the March Meeting. Motion by Moline, seconded by Kruse to approve the Minutes.

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

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports. The total fund balance as of March 31, 2025 was \$958,044.32. Motion by Fish, seconded by Kruse to approve the Financial Report.

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

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

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

District Conservationist's Report Praet provided a 2024 NRCS Annual Report.

Cost-share & Project Approvals

Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve the following Projects: **Derek Langer SLR Forest Stewardship – Payment \$1,600, Taylor SLR Stormwater-\$5,637.50, Gillette SLR Forest Stewardship-\$870, Beaudry SLR Forest Stewardship, Kubis SLR Forest Stewardship-\$500, Lennartson Native Buffer-\$1,260**

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

Resolution to Support Nomination of the Lester-Amity-Hawk Ridge Natural Area to the Duluth Natural Areas Program Motion by Kruse, seconded by Fish to approve the Resolution.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Grant Agreements

JPA Amendment DNR Buckingham Creek JPA (EPA funds) \$110,000 increase

CPL Amendment DNR Buckingham Creek CPL \$110,000 increase

Motion by Kruse, seconded by Fish to approve the agreements with DNR and authorize staff to sign the agreements.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area Kruse reported the meeting last month was routine.

SWCD Forestry Association Moline reported the meeting in March included discussion about carbon credits.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Praet presented about forestry practices for wildfire risk reduction.

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 The Resolution Meeting is June 6th in Cloquet.

Supervisor Reports

Kruse talked about the SWCD newsletter that was distributed.

Fish asked about prevailing wage requirements for contractors.

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

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.