OUTCOME DOCUMENTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2016
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Mike Johnson, Gene Carda, Kevin Belholm

OTHERS PRESENT:  Deanna Pomije, Shannon Rasinski, Dennis McNally, Mitch Lundeen

Vice Chairman Belholm called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

M/S/Approved  Johnson/Carda to approve the January 12 meeting minutes.
M/S/Approved  Carda/Johnson and the Jan. financial report.
M/S/Approved  Carda/Johnson to approve the Jan. vouchers for payment.  Reviewed the per diem correction about the taxes paid, but not taken out of the per diem.

Informational

- Save the Date – March 21-22 MASWCD Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol, more details to come.

- County Water Plan Re-write Overview – due Aug. 31, 2017

- County Wide Township Annual mtg. April 12th 7pm – request input for Water Plan

- Shared Administrative Assistant interview dates set 2/24 & 3/4.  Hoppe and Pomije on the interview panel with 2 Mille Lacs board members and Susan Shaw.

NRCS Report

RCPP Golden Winged Warbler habitat initiative, northern 2/3 of Co. eligible.  5 year initiative funding.  Payments $3-400/ acre, plus income from logging.  Need 5-30 acre woodlots, forest stand dependent.

Discussion

- 3 pm  Mitch Lundeen, Regional Forester to spoke on forestry opportunities.  His position is thru the Clean Water Legacy, set up for 3 years.  He’s available to help with grant opportunities and county water planning.  His position is not available for one on one forestry consultation with land owners.  He is one step removed from this process as he’s covering 19 counties from area 3 & 8.  He’s available to speak with forestry consultants about options.  The Forestry Ass. meets bi-monthly.  Mitch explained the difference between class 2c Managed Forest Land and the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act.  2c offers a lower tax and the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act offers a financial incentive.  Both options require 20 or more wooded areas and require a forest management plan implemented.  Check out MNWoods.org.  He dropped off some forestry reference material for the District.
• IRS corrections filed on all 2015 Quarterly 941 Federal Tax Return
  Payroll corrections on amounts used to calculate FICA/Medicare and withholding taxes, verified with accountant, Peterson.
    o 1st Quarter – additional paid $118.85
    o 2nd Quarter – additional paid $104.43
    o 3rd Quarter – additional paid $40.08
    o 4th Quarter – refund due $367.34
  Overall $103.98 refund due

• Supervisor Per Diem correction – paid FICA/Medicare and withholding taxes, but didn’t take this amount out of the per diem, invoices sent out for this reimbursement.

Decisions

M/S/Approved Johnson/Carda Cost-share contract – Pink Diamond, Ann Lake – lake shore restoration project contract for $7,776 with a total project cost of $10,401.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) sharing workshop & submitted 2015 time (47.5 hours) for reimbursement at $1740.35

M/S/Approved Johnson/Carda Grant agreement request for the next funding of 40%
  Mora Stormwater – Clean Water Fund update, spent $16,767 of $30,072 grant

Base Grants – BWSR:
M/S/Approved Johnson/Carda the final close-out of the 2014 Cost-Share Grant.
M/S/Approved Johnson/Carda the final close-out of the 2015 Conservation Delivery Grant.
M/S/Approved Johnson/Carda the final close-out of the 2015 Easement Grant.
M/S/Approved Johnson/Carda the final close-out of the 2016 Conservation Delivery Grant.

M/S/Approved Carda/Johnson to have the District Manager’s position description reviewed with the County Human Resources contractor for the appropriate pay scale ($165 cost).

M/S/Approved Johnson/Carda the signing of the final Capacity Clean Water Fund (CWF) Plan $100,000 & Work-plan approval.

District Manager Report

• Summary of Annual Grant Reporting
  o New CWP 2015 – will start water monitoring this spring, 2016.
  o CWF – Mora Stormwater, modeling report nearly finished to highlight proposed stormwater treatment sites, public meeting planned this summer.
  o CWF – Ann River, expires 12/16, many projects planned at various stages with a lake tour set for June 11 to view lake-shore restoration projects using natives.
  o CWF – Feedlot – Haybeck, extended thru 12/16
• CWF – Snake River, only a few possible sites identified within the 2 sub-watersheds in the county.

• New 319 Federal – Ann Lake Loading, just starting, need to set up contracts with Wenck and a testing lab.

• CPL (thru DNR) – tree (elm, butternut) planting, expires 6/16, need to plant something this spring. Planned to have a Conservation Corps crew assist with planting.

• CPL (thru DNR) – burning, minimal money left, burning on WMA planning for this spring, 2016

• Clean Water Partnership (CWP) 2012 grant expires March 31, turning back money. A proposed waste closure didn’t get completed last fall. Need to complete final report - time commitment.

Committee Reports

Technical Service Area III:
Johnson reported on the Technical Service Area III meeting where a proposed change in how the organization is administered. Proposed by Pine, Aitkin & Carleton. Possible location change of either staff or meeting location. There was a great slide-show presentation of the 2015 flood projects. Meeting to discuss this change planned for Feb. 27, Mike plans to attend.

Forestry Ass.:
Carda said the last meeting had Mike McMann in a film demonstrating tree planting in gravel beds along the Superior lake shore. There was also a zoning discussion along the Superior lake shore.

Miscellaneous

M/S/Approved Johnson/Carda for Belkholm and Carda to attend a one day training on wetland drainage in St. Cloud on Feb. 11 for $95/each. They were unable to attend, session full.

Belkholm and Johnson volunteered to be on the committee to review applications and be on the interview panel for hire of our new District Technician, scheduled for mid-March.

Staff Meeting Attendance:

• St. Croix Forestry Conference 2/17 Siren, WI

• Nitrogen Conference 2/23 Rochester

• Requesting leave 2/19, 2/23

Set Next Meeting Date – March 8th at 2 pm. / Adjourn

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