Outcomes Documents – Regular Board Meeting  
Location: SWCD Office/Remote Webex Meeting, Tuesday September 08, 2020 3:00 pm

SUPERVISORS: Jan Anderson*, Gene Carda*, Joyce Sawatzky*, Paul Hoppe
STAFF: Deanna Pomije*, Jerah Mattson*, Josh Votruba*, (*present in office)
Others: Jamie Stevens Absent: Kevin Belkholm

1. 3:00 Roll Call - *Approval of Agenda
   
   Motion by Anderson, second by Carda to approve the agenda as presented
   Affirmative: Hoppe, Anderson, Carda, Sawatzky
   Opposed: None Abstain: None

2. NRCS Report (Debra Hermel). Hermel absent. Written report provided going over updates to include EQIP and CSP. Twenty-one new Team Lead positions have been added in the state and the Brooklyn Center Area Office has closed. Rasinski will serve on the technical advisory committee for the Snake 1W1P.

3. *Consent Agenda (no discussion unless Supervisor requests)
   
   Additional updates were requested on projects that are in the works. The Heitke pit closure is planned for next spring, 2021. There are funds set aside for completion. The Rosnow project still awaits access signatures from both Carda and Rosnow. The Knife Lake Improvement District (KLID) role was discussed as the possible project sponsor. The McVay project has a grazing specialist working on a prescribed grazing plan using federal funds. The fencing exclusion on the south side of 23 on the Ann River is contracted and ready to go. The planning is still underway on the livestock watering access in this same area. Negotiating with Stegner on the access cost estimate. This year’s farm economy and the farm budget are a concern. The Sipes streambank protection site was discussed. There are concerns over the cost on the two options proposed by TSA staff. Working with NRCS on proposed costs under EQIP, then plan to continue planning conversations with Sipes.
   3.1. Financial – receipts & disbursements, balance sheet, profit & loss reports
   3.2. Outcomes Document:  
   ▪ Kanabec SWCD Board – August 18, 2020
   3.3. Staff Reports
   3.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training
   Motion by Anderson, second by Carda to approve the agenda as presented
   Affirmative: Hoppe, Anderson, Carda, Sawatzky
   Opposed: None Abstain: None

4. *Approve Treasurer’s Report
   
   Motion by Carda, second by Hoppe to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.
   Affirmative: Hoppe, Anderson, Carda, Sawatzky
   Opposed: None Abstain: None

5. Business
   5.1. Snake 1W1P Update – Pomije reviewed that the Policy Committee has approved the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with the first meeting set for 9/10. This meeting will be for introductions and to review of our planning timeline. Pomije stressed the importance of our participation in the Snake 1W1P
process as we are 90% of the watershed and the plan addresses the majority of the work we do. After the plan is completed there is an anticipated $500,000 to be received annually; expected to assist to pay for the plan’s implementation throughout the watershed. Previously the Local Governmental Units (LGU) agency staff have started preliminary discussion of how to better organize our watershed SRWMB group for implementation. Where there is anticipated a greater need for organizational coordination and possibly re-assessing the fiscal administration. With Kanabec SWCD as such a big player in this plan it pays for us to understand these matters, be proactive and have an opinion on the organizational and plan outcomes.

5.2. **Rum 1W1P Update** – Votruba has started to attend the tech meetings. Pomije mentioned that the Rum 1W1P is discussing the organizational options (collaboration and entity) available for implementation of the plan later. There is a planned Co. Board meeting on 9/15 for Jason W. (BWSR) to speak on the details associated with these two organizational options.

5.3. *AIS Expenses* – (Total $3,148.95)
   - Inspector Salary, July – August, $3,122
   - Misc. Starry Trek $26.95

*Motion by Hoppe, second by Carda* to approve the AIS Expenses (total $3,148.95) as presented.

   **Affirmative:** Hoppe, Anderson, Carda, Sawatzky
   **Opposed:** None
   **Abstain:** None

5.4. *Area 3 Board Nominations*
Hoppe gave an update on the Area III board elections and led a brief discussion.

**No motion made for nomination. Voting will take place during our October’s meeting.**

1. **Director**
   - Russell Kurhajetz of Carlton SWCD was discussed as an option for the Director seat.
2. **Co-Director** – Jake Janski (Mille Lacs SWCD chair – willing to serve)
3. **Treasurer** – Frank Turnock (Aitkin SWCD Chair – willing to serve)
4. **Secretary** – Bob Hoefert (Mille Lacs SWCD Supervisor – willing to serve)

6. **Board Discussion:** SRWM Coordinator – 1W1P Completion Discussion

   Announce 9/15 – Co. Board Meeting to discuss the Rum 1W1P Organizational Options, with Jason Weinerman, BWSR presenting.

7. **Project Updates:**

   The consent agenda includes details on project developments.

**Other Projects:**

- **Reinvest in MN (RIM)** – Votruba is working on a conservation plan for an easement holder for a food plot. This is an allowable practice. Hoppe suggested to avoid food plots as they give a negative appearance.

- **8/21 – 2nd Annual Soil Health Field Day**, Pine Co. Jon Stevens Farm – Votruba went over the great turn out and the various soil health practices discussed during the event.
8. General Discussion / Public Input

Carda brought up the new E. coli impairment on the Knife River. The source of the E. coli has not been identified. This is typical as this would require additional testing to source the bacteria. The source is typically from either septic systems or livestock within the watershed. The Total Max. Daily Load (TMDL) is planned for completion in 2021.

10. Set Next Meeting Dates / Committee Reports – assume all remote meetings - next meeting dates

- 8/27 – Rum Policy Cmte. Meeting, 5-7 pm
- 8/28 – Are 3 TSA remote Meeting (Pomije did not attend, did not receive notification)
- _____ – East Central Landscape Cmte. Meeting (Hoppe) – Hoppe raised concerns over the usefulness of attending these meetings. They are working on updating a large regional forestry plan.
- 9/10 – COLA-AIS Remote Meeting, 5pm, in-person meeting Library Park, Mora (Sawatzky, Votruba), bring a chair
- 9/10 – Snake 1W1P Potential 1st Technical Advisory Cmte., (TAC) Remote Meeting 1:30 pm (Pomije, Mattson)
- 9/15 – County Board Meeting, morning. Jason Weinerman, BWSR to present on 1W1P organizational structure options (Pomije, Belkholm)
- 9/17 - Forestry Assoc. Remote Meeting, McGregor 10-12 pm (Hoppe, Carda)
- Week Sept. 21-25 – Free Well Nitrate Testing, SWCD office (manned by SWCD staff)
- 9/26 – Ann Lake Treatment Public Forum, 9 am, location TBD
- 10/3 –* Virtual Woodland Owner Workshop, Zoom, register by 8/28, $35 ea. - No motion Anderson inquired about the benefit to the District in attending this workshop.
- 10/13 – Tues. Regular SWCD Board in-person Meeting, 3pm (all)
- 10/26 – Snake 1W1P Policy Cmte. Meeting (Hoppe, Pomije, Mattson)
- Date TBD, 4th Mon. – Snake River Watershed Board, 9am (Hoppe, Pomije)

10. Evaluate the Meeting – What worked? What needs further discussion?

Agenda items for next month?

11. 04:15 pm Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Hoppe, seconded by Carda adjourn meeting at 04:15 pm.
Affirmative: Anderson, Carda, Sawatzky, Hoppe
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

*Seeking Board Decisions

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