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### **Outcomes Documents – Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday October 19, 2021 2:00 pm

Location: SWCD Conservation Office 2008 Mahogany St Ste 3 Mora MN 55051  
Or Remote Webex Meeting

**SUPERVISORS:** Jon Sanford, Norma Heggernes, Kevin Belkholm, Gene Carda

**STAFF:** Deanna Pomije, Jerah Mattson, Josh Votruba

**Others:**      **Absent:** Kim Johnson

#### **1. 2:01 Roll Call – \*Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Sanford, second by Carda** to approve the Agenda as presented. Under business some shuffle of the items will be made.

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

#### **2. NRCS Report (Shannon Bodle) Not present. Written report submitted.**

#### **3. \*Consent Agenda (no discussion unless Supervisor requests)**

3.1. Financial – receipts & disbursements, balance sheet, profit & loss reports

3.2. Outcomes Document:

- Kanabec SWCD Board –September 14, 2021

3.3. Staff Reports

3.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training

**Motion by Sanford, second by Carda** to approve Consent Agenda as presented. The Rosnow project was discussed. Sanford questioned whether the landowner has been contacted recently. Deanna said she'd contact Mr. Rosnow regarding revising the previous sent access contract.

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

#### **4. \*Approve Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Sanford, second by Carda** to approve Treasurer's Report as presented

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

#### **5. Business**

5.0 Ann Lake Treatment – 1<sup>st</sup> Stakeholders Meeting, 9/29 Evaluation. 25 people attended the meeting. The WIFI WebEx did not work, otherwise more people would have participated, including state agencies. I lot of questions were generated from this meeting on the various treatment options. Some of these questions were answered in the outcomes document. Most came away from the meeting with a better understanding of the various treatment's pros and cons. The group was tasked with seeking public input on an Ann Lake treatment. For the next meeting set for 12/1 will allow people to share their feedback as well as an opportunity for state agency folks to comment.

5.1. \*MASWCD Resolutions

**Motion by Sanford, second by Carda** to approve the MASWCD Resolutions as voted on individually and documented. Plan to provide Johnson and Belholm an opportunity to vote and send the results to MASWCD.

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

5.2. \*AIS – payment approval, total \$10,081.67

- Boat inspector’s salary \$5,586.28, mileage \$1,407.95
- SWCD staff salary Q3, \$2,817.44

**Motion by Sanford, second by Carda** to approve total payment of \$10,081.67 (Boat Inspectors salary \$5,856.28, mileage \$1,407.95, SWCD Q3 staff salary \$2,817.44)

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

5.3. Snake 1W1P Planning Update. Pomije went over the progress that has been made. The Technical Advisory Cmte. (TAC) is planning for 2 meetings in Nov. The TAC is starting to discuss implementation strategies in earnest now. Over the next few months another meeting has been added, a subcommittee to the PC to discuss organizational details. The first meeting was held 10/18. This first meeting went well in starting to envision our implementation. We reviewed the SRWMB mission and started discussion on the joint power’s entity agreement for suggested revisions. The Policy Cmte (PC) has reviewed and approved some of the issue goals and priority areas that the TAC has put together. The 8 local govt. units (LGU’s) voted the same on forming a joint powers entity using the existing SRWMB as our organizational structure.

5.4. \*2020 Audit Results

Pomije reviewed some of the audit results, which were very similar to year’s past. We are at 5.3 months for our fund balance, down only slightly from 5.5. Sanford questioned a recommended board review of the audit to be submitted with the audit. Most SWCDs are not doing this. This would be a goal to strive for in the future; a finance cmte. and/or board review of the draft audit.

**Motion by, Sanford second by Carda** to approve 2020 Audit Results as presented

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

5.5. \*State Cost Share FY2022-23 workplan, non-structural land management practices policy

**Motion by Sanford, second by Carda** to approve State Cost Share FY 2022-23 workplan, non-structural land management practice policy

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

5.6. Staff Capacity ideas – Snake 1w1p Implementation. The District will be needing more staff to implement the Snake 1w1p plan, once completed. The watershed is anticipating receiving \$250-300,000 each year for implementing the plan. Watershed staff capacity is being discussed among the planning group. If there is no new staff the money will not get spent. The Pine SWCD has suggested sharing a Forester 50/50. A full-time staff could be used in our office to help with watershed coordination activities. There is also a need for more technical and/or forestry experience in our office.

- 5.7. 1995 Chevy S10. The S10 does not start currently. Do we want to get rid of it? It is 26 years old with 147,000 miles. It was decided to get rid of it. Get it running if possible. Put it on Marketplace and sell it.

**Motion by Carda, second by Sanford** to put the Chevy S10 on Marketplace and sell it. List for \$800.00 and don't go under \$500.00.

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

**6. Project Updates**, in consent agenda – any questions.

Votruba reviewed with the board the current Barton Heitke project for a manure pit closure near Knife Lake. Funding for the project was approved by the SRWMB in the past. It is anticipated to start the project this fall.

Karen Felger, in the Knife River Watershed is interested in prescribed grazing with various grazing component practices. Votruba intends to work on this plan with NRCS assistance to help gain experience and eventually job approval authority for some of these popular grazing practices.

**Belholm arrived at 3:56**

**7. Board Discussion**

\*District Land Management:

- Hunting Allowances, draft rules /policy. No fee will be charged to hunt. Is a waiver required? If no fee is charged, we are covered under a MN recreational use statute, as per the Public Health Law Center. It will have to be advertised and known that public hunting is allowed. Signs will be posted. The complete list of hunting/access rules will be posted on our website. A summarized list of the rules will be posted on the signs.

**Motion by Belholm, second by Sanford** to approve the posting of 3 signs on the District Land as discussed above.

**Affirmative:** Heggernes, Sanford, Carda, Belholm

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

- Contract with cropland producer – conflict of interest Belholm. Carda presented an affidavit used at the township level for board member conflicts on township work, citing MN statute 471.89 subd. 3. There is a MN statute stating that if the requirements we want for the land cannot be met then it goes up for bid. Pomije will confer with the County Attorney to see if this statute/affidavit is an avenue to address our Supervisor conflict of interest.
- Request for Qualifications, draft. Plant and harvest Kernza for grain should be added to the request with an experimental objective. Add a term of no less than 5 years. Discussed the terms for mowing on the District Land without any resolution. The board requested Pomije to come back to the board with some options for the hay land. 60 days for applicants to submit a request.

**8. General Discussion / Public Input - none**

**9. Set Next Meeting Dates / Committee Reports** – next meeting dates

- 8/30 – Local Pheasants Forever /MN Deer Hunters Assn. Meeting (Sanford)
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Kanabec Co. Comp. Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ - City of Mora Comprehensive Plan Open House, 5-7 pm
- 10/14 – COLA – AIS Meeting, 5pm library park (Sanford, Votruba)
- TBD – Snake River Watershed Mgmt. Board (SRWMB) Mtg., 9 am (Votruba, Pomije, Belkholm)
- 10/25 – Snake 1W1P Policy Cmte. Meeting, 10 am (Belkholm, Pomije, Mattson)
- 11/16 – Tues **Regular SWCD Board Meeting, 2pm** (all)
- 11/18 – Forestry Assoc. Meeting (Carda)
- 12/1 – Ann Lake Treatment 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder’s Meeting, location TBD & remote, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Pomije, Sanford)

\*Seeking Supervisor report on meeting attended

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

**11. 4:58 pm Adjourn Regular Board Meeting**

**Motion by Sanford, second by Belkholm** to adjourn meeting at 4:58pm

**Affirmative:** Belkholm, Johnson, Heggernes, Sanford

**Opposed:** None

**Abstain:** None

**\*Seeking Board Decisions**