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Outcomes Documents – Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday June 15, 2022, 2:00 pm

Location: SWCD Conservation Office 2008 Mahogany St Ste 3 Mora MN 55051

Or Remote Webex Meeting

SUPERVISORS: Norma Heggernes, Jon Sanford, Kim Johnson, Gene Carda, Kevin Belkholm

STAFF: Deanna Pomije, Jerah Mattson, Mary Krueger*

Others: Dennis McNally *Remote Attendees

1. 1:58 Roll Call – *Approval of Agenda

Motion by Johnson, second by Carda to approve the agenda as presented with an addition of the RIM approval (7.9), and tree sale report to (8.0)

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

2. NRCS Report – no report provided, not in attendance

Debra Hermel will be leaving her current position for an Area Program Specialist after 7/15.

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 –May 18, 2022

3.3. Staff Reports

3.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training

Motion by Belkholm, second by Carda to approve Consent Agenda as presented

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

4. *Approve Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Sanford, second by Belkholm to approve the May 2022 Treasurer’s Report as presented by Johnson.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

5. Project Updates, in consent agenda – any questions.

On the Hwy 65 / Fish Lake Project – provided an update. The latest decision from the County Board (landowner) is their requesting a new estimate for using hard armor/rock, as an alternate to soft armor / plan materials and trees. A commissioner may schedule a meeting with the highway dept. to discuss this further.

Sanford presented a new alternative for the Knife River streambank project of trying to complete the job using the project as an Eagle Scout Boy Scout project.

5.1. *Lawns to Legumes, proposal for priority setting for interested applicants

Pomije presented a proposal for prioritizing the pollinator habitat interested landowners based on proximity to the core bumble bee area and the greatest benefit in habitat creation with the project. For higher merit to consider tree/shrubs over forbs and larger areas over smaller and contiguous or corridor habitat connections. Also expressed to demerit for sites with habitat already established. There are ~12 interested landowners currently.

Motion by Belkholm, second by Sanford to Lawns to Legumes priority setting for interested applicants. Deanna was given the discretion to evaluate the contracts and distribute funds (approve contracts) to landowners who have merit. Contracts will be presented to the Board as completed.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

5.2. *Lawns to Legumes contract, Grass Lake, 3-acre meadow planting, \$1,500, 90% rate estimated cost \$2,114. They opted out of the program for personal reasons. No motion needed.

5.3. *Well sealing contract 2022.03, Comfort twp., \$462.50, 50% rate, State Cost Share FY2020 funds

Motion by Johnson, second by Carda to approve this well sealing contract 2022.03 in the amount of \$462.50 using State Cost Share FY2020 funds. Deanna may complete and sign the contract upon receiving a second bid or the go ahead with the one bid submitted.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

6. **Public Input**-none present

7. **Business Section**

7.1. *Shared Forester with Pine SWCD, contract for review/approval update No motion needed

Pomije shared the latest communication with Pine SWCD on the negotiations for a shared Forester. Based on the draft shared contract we sent over, Pine SWCD board wishes to hold off on a shared Forester position until possibly the start of 2023 for various reasons. In part their current hired seasonal forester was hired unaware of a possible dual location for this position. They would want to coordinate this with any new hire or inform ahead of time an employee of this change in schedule/location.

7.2. Snake 1W1P Planning Update. The draft plan should be prepared by this Friday, 6/17 for the PC to start their review. It will be presented to the PC on 6/27. If the draft plan is approved by the PC, it will be submitted to state agencies to start a 60-day review period. After the 60-day review, a public hearing (mid-late Sept.) will be noticed and scheduled with the PC.

- 7.3. *Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan approval and Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Involvement Resolution, approval. This item has been tabled until next month so all members of the Board can read through the plan and Joint Powers Agreement thoroughly. Pomije provided copies of the JPA to the board members and will email out a link to the plan for viewing.

The board agreed to list Kim Johnson as our the primary representative for the Kettle 1w1p planning process with Jon Sanford as the alternate on this Policy Committee.

Motion by Sanford, second by Belkholm to table discussion until July Board Meeting

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 7.4. *New Federal Holiday, Juneteenth 6/19

This item was discussed, whether the SWCD would include this new Holiday with paid time off.

Motion by Johnson, second by Heggernes to approve Juneteenth as a recognized Holiday with paid time off for the SWCD operations.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: Carda, Belkholm **Abstain:** None

- 7.5. *Observation Well Contract renewal, DNR, \$1200, 10 total wells

This new contract nearly doubles the number of observation wells, including a long drive back to Lake 5.

Motion by Belkholm, second by Sanford to Observation Well Contract renewal in the amount of \$1200 for 10 total DNR wells

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 7.6. *Approval for Stephanie Paulsen, new Conservation Technician to sign our NNB checks, 2 signatures required

Motion by Johnson, second by Carda to approve Stephanie Paulsen to sign our NNB checks

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 7.7. *Dodge Journey maintenance expenses, 4 tires \$906 replaced & rear lateral link \$520.51

Motion by Sanford, second by Carda to approve the Dodge Journey maintenance expenses (4-tires \$906 replaced & rear lateral link \$520.51) Also to include have the Journey re-aligned when the work is scheduled.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 7.8. *AIS Expense – total \$22,510.45

- Curly Leaf Pond Weed control spraying: subtotal \$22,314.38
 - Fish Lake, \$8308.62 26 acres
 - Ann Lake, \$5,234.23 11 acres
 - Quamba Lake, \$3,119.63 18.5 acres
 - Lewis Lake, \$4,976.90 5.6 acres
 - Pomroy survey only, \$675

- Other Expenses: subtotal \$196.07
 - Kanabec Co. Fair booth, \$120
 - Boat inspector sponge, \$1.07
 - AIS 101 training reimbursement, \$75 (Kevin Johnson, Knife Lake)Potential 2nd Boat Inspector

Also requested up to an additional \$200 for the purchase of AIS ID hand-outs and stickers encouraging AIS compliance commitments from boaters. This request was denied as stickers on boats are not very popular.

Motion by Sanford, second by Belkholm to approve the AIS expenses total amount of \$22,510.45 (breakdown above)

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

Motion by Belkholm, second by Sanford in the amount of up to \$100 to purchase our SWCD logo imprinted on items to handout at the Kanabec Co. Fair.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

7.9. RIM approval

Motion by Johnson, second by Sanford to approve Pomije authorization to sign the annual RIM monitoring contract renewal with BWSR.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

8.0. Tree Sales Update

Mattson provided an update and handout documenting a total net profit of \$1,778.65. The remaining 250 unsold trees were donated to a farm with erosion along the Ann River. Staff helped plant these trees for a couple hours.

8. **Discussion Session:**

Johnson attended the Kettle 1W1P public kick-off meeting held in Sandstone. He said it went well and liked the use of play money to help prioritize the issues for the watershed.

No till corn was planted into rye in the crop field east of the farmstead on district land. Belkholm explained an old pin harrow encounter he had in one of the hay fields where there was extensive damage to his tires. He mentioned this was known to be on the land somewhere but the location was unknown. He's requesting the SWCD to compensate him for ~\$500 for these repair expenses. The board directed Pomije to look into the possible insurance coverage for this and Belkholm was asked to provide invoices from the repair work.

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

- 6/10/22 – Area 3 Resolution Meeting, Carlton, all Supervisors welcome and have a vote (Sanford, Paulsen)
- 6/14/22 – Annual Local Work Group Meeting, 1pm (Pomije, NRCS, Sanford, jointly with ML SWCD)

The Local Work Group Meeting went well with two producers and a partner providing comments. Need more night meeting to encourage attendance, as many producers work off the farm.

- 6/22/22 – Technical Service Area 3 (TSA), 10am, conf. room remotely (Johnson, Pomije)
- 6/27/22 – Snake 1W1P Policy Cmte. Meeting, courthouse basement, 9-12 (Belkholm, Pomije, Mattson)
- 7/14/22 – COLA – AIS Meeting, 5pm SWCD office (Sanford, Pomije)
- 7/20/22 – **Regular SWCD Board Meeting, 2pm** (all)
- 7/21/22 – Forestry Association Meeting, 10am Marcell (Carda)

*Seeking Supervisor report on meeting attended

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

11. 4:25pm Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Motion Johnson by second by Carda to adjourn meeting at 4:25 pm

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda, Belkholm

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

***Seeking Board Decisions**