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Outcomes Documents – Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday September 21, 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

STAFF: Deanna Pomije, Jerah Mattson, Shannon Bodle, Mary Krueger

Others: Dennis McNally **Absent:** Kevin Belkholm, Gene Carda

*Remote Attendees

1. 2:05 Roll Call – *Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sanford, second by Johnson approve the agenda as presented

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

2. NRCS Report –Planning for 2023 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). 2-EQIP applications have been received in Isanti and 2-CSP. Cover crop certification is taking place to ensure they've been planted to the required specifications. Went to windbreaks and shelter belts training, held in Piliger. Friday Shannon and Marv will attend UTV training in Brainerd. Next week is conservation compliance training with the Farm Service Agency (FSA). FY ends September 30th.

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 –August 17, 2022

3.3. Staff Reports

3.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training

Motion by Sanford, second by Johnson to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

4. *Approve Treasurer's Report

Motion by Heggernes second by Sanford to approve the August 2022 Treasurer's Report as is presented by Johnson

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

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

5.1. State Cost Share spending this year

Discussed contract #2022.02 – shoreland restoration project contracted for \$14,508.70. Total estimated cost is \$19,400. Bids came in higher than what was estimated by TSA. TSA’s analysis of the bids does not warrant an increase in the offered funding. With these large costs the landowners may not want to do this project this year or at all.

There was a proposal to use \$3,000 of our State Cost Share funding towards a cover crop incentive payment already contracted through the SRWMB. This would avoid sending back our total State Cost Share funds that expire at the end of this year.

Motion by Sanford second by Johnson to approve \$3,000 of our State Cost Share funds to go towards the cover crop project, contract #2022.04 with the SRWMB. Granting Pomije authority to sign this new contract as able.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

The City of Mora is looking into planting a pollinator garden in downtown Mora, located between City Hall and Kev’s Depot. Yet to be finalized, possible funding through our Lawns to Legumes grant.

Paulsen shared information on cost estimates and other details she’s learned on our proposed purchase of a no-till drill for rent to promote no-till planting of cover crops and inter-seeding for pastures/hay land. Proposing a working length of 12’, costs are up 30%. Depending on size of drill and brand, \$36,000+. Spring is a busy time for drill rentals consuming up a ½ time person.

The board asked for an estimate on the cost benefit financial analysis of purchasing a drill for rent.

6. **Public Input** - none presented

7. **Business Section**

*7.1. *New proposed drop box set up or network options for more efficient sharing of data between staff

Discussed the need to set-up a site to share data and calendars between staff, along with the difficulties of choosing an option that would work with the one NRCS networked computer we have. This will also be a need as we start communicating and sharing data between our partners for the Snake Watershed Plan implementation efforts. A quote for a Google sharing site is \$12/mo./user.

Motion by Johnson second by Sanford to approve a new drop box set up or network option for sharing data between staff in the amount of \$50/month

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

7.2. Snake 1W1P Planning Updates

- Public Hearing 9/20 with Kanabec & Pine Co. Board
- There’s a comment for re-submission into the plan the ML Band factual details to ensure the plan meets the BWSR minimum requirements. At some point we’ll need to work at building the trust in this partnership as we go forward trying to work together effectively.
- The organizational structural options are yet to be discussed with the SRWMB and the PC boards.

- Discussed the need for outside attorney representation, apart from the county hired attorney. Cms. McNally said the County Attorney is currently busy with other court workload items. The board requested attorney fees to be researched.

7.3. *Grant approval Capacity FY23 for \$118,184 and Buffer FY23 for \$8,500, workplan in development
Motion by Heggernes, second by Sanford to approve signing the Capacity FY23 grant in the amount of \$118,184 and Buffer FY23 grant in the amount of \$8,500

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

Pomije mentioned a new BWSR grant opportunity of ~\$14,000 for the promotion and

8. Discussion Session:

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

- Sept. 8-9 Area 3 Annual Meeting (Heggernes, Paulsen, Sandford)
Reported that the area 3 dues will remain the same at \$300. Shared that the tour was good, especially the presentation on the Big Mouth Buffalo Fish. Also shared that 80% of our work results come from 20% of our efforts. Staff retention continues to be a concern in the area. Also mentioned the effort to plant 1 million trees. Expressed concern over which trees we order for sale, that they are resilient to climate change.
- TBD (4th Monday) – SRWMB Meeting TBD, courthouse basement, 9-noon (Belkholm, Pomije)
- No Sept. meeting – Kettle 1W1P PC, Sandstone, 9am (Johnson)
- 9/15/22– Forestry Association Meeting, Two Harbors, remote option 10 am (Carda)
- 9/20/22 – Snake Plan Public Hearing, seeking comments at our Co. Board Mtg. presentation of plan at 9:40, Hearing at 10 am, Courthouse (Pomije, Supervisors)
- 9/22/22 – Snake PC Supervisor Meeting, 3:30-5 pm, in person or remote (Supervisors, Pomije)
- 9/22/22 – Rum Watershed Partnership Meeting, 4:30 pm (Johnson)
- 9/26/22 – Snake PC Meeting, Mora Courthouse, 9am (Pomije, Mattson, Belkholm)
- 9/28/22 – Technical Service Area 3 (TSA), 10am, conf. room remotely (Johnson, Pomije)
- 10/14/22 – COLA – AIS Meeting, 5pm SWCD office (Sanford, Pomije)
- 10/19/22 – **Regular SWCD Board Meeting, 2 pm** (all)
- Dec. 12-14 – MASWCD Annual Convention, Bloomington (supervisors, staff) SWCD business meeting, SWCD supervisor, DM & staff training, conservation awards

*Seeking Supervisor report on meeting attended

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

11. 4:18 pm Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Johnson second by Sanford to adjourn meeting at 4:18pm

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

***Seeking Board Decisions**