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Outcomes Documents – Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday May 18, 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

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

Absent: Kevin Belkholm *Remote Attendees

1. 2:00 Roll Call – *Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sanford, second by Carda to approve the agenda as presented with three additions: Supervisor alternate position on the Kettle 1WIP - at start of business section, approval to pay the tree vendors from our tree sale, add a RIM easement update to the project section.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 2. NRCS Report (Shannon Bodle, District Conservationist) EQIP application packets** have been sent to the area office for approval. Lance Smith and Shannon visited a grazing operation to discuss grazing scenario layouts. Spring planting has been delayed due to flooding. Some are considering fall pasture plantings. The Knife Lake dam inspection will take place June 7th. A few questions were asked about the dam's inspection for Knife Lake. Marv Kunkel provided some answers on the dam. June 14th the Local Work Group meeting will be held here in the office. This year it will be combined with the Mille Lacs SWCD.

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 –April 20, 2022

3.3. Staff Reports

3.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training

Motion by Sanford, second by Johnson to approve Consent Agenda

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

4. *Approve Treasurer's Report

Motion by Sanford, second by Heggernes to approve the 2022 April Treasurer's Report as presented by Johnson.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

5. *Approve Tree Vendors in the amount of \$8,243.00

Motion by Sanford, second by Heggernes to pay tree vendors in the amount of **\$8,243 (Wolcyn-\$7,640.00, DNR-\$603.00)**

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

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

Reinvest In MN (RIM) easement process. Funding is for both the Kettle and Snake Watersheds. Letters are being sent out to residents who rank high for the RIM easement program. If approved, landowners will receive a one-time payment of 60% of the assessed market value of the land. Each quarter the technical committee will review the applications to determine which applications to work on towards easement enrollment and closing. There is limited funding so only those that rank the highest will be offered easements, determined by the technical committee. We estimate funds for about 10 easements or 300 acres.

Deanna reviewed the conservation project development process with the board, explaining step by step details from the beginning planning stages to the end of a project implementation, which staff help develop with voluntary landowners.

7. Public Input – Sanford updated the board on the meeting with the county board on the Hwy 65/Fish Lake project. This board prefers a hard armor rock type project to control the erosion. Mary Krueger commented on the Hwy 65/Fish Lake project – stating her preference for the soft armor toe-wood project option.

8. Business Section

8.1. *Kettle River 1w1p - Supervisor Alternate

Motion by Heggernes, second by Carda to appoint Jon Sanford as an alternate on the Kettle 1W1P

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

8.2. *Shared Forester with Pine SWCD, contract for review/approval

Motion by Johnson, second by Johnson to authorize the District Manager to revise this draft contract to include a start time for this new shared position.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

8.3. Snake 1W1P Planning Update – Pomije provided the following update: In May/June the final plan and draft joint powers agreement are being reviewed by both the TAC and PC committees. The 5/17 public input meeting in Mora went well with lots of great input. The goals on our 7 issues were presented and commented on. 14 people attended along with 3 staff. The next policy committee meeting will be held Monday May 23rd from 9am-12pm, when we plan to discuss the revisions to the draft Joint Powers Agreement.

8.4. *Rum River Watershed Comprehensive Water Management Plan approval and Joint Powers Agreement Involvement – **This item was tabled until next meeting, when a full board can be present.**

8.5. *AIS Expense – SWCD staff time 2022 Qtr. 1, \$1,509.75

Motion by Sanford, second by Heggernes to approve the AIS Q1 staff time expense in the amount of \$1,509.75

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

9. Discussion Session:

Deanna gave an update on the district land. She reviewed what has been planted in the past in which locations. Suggestions were given by the committee on where to place the food plots. Sanford will discuss with the committee on a proposed parking area through the Deer Hunters Association.

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

- 5/12/22 - COLA – AIS Meeting, 5pm SWCD office (Sanford, Pomije)
- 5/17/22 Mora Jail – Snake Public Input on Implementation, 4:30-7pm (Belkholm, Pomije, Mattson)
- 5/17/22-5/30/22 – SWCD Supervisor Election Filing Period (Heggernes, Carda)
- 5/19/22 – Forestry Assoc. Meeting, 10am, McGregor (Carda)
- 5/23/22 – Snake 1W1P Policy Cmte. Meeting, courthouse basement, 10-12 (Belkholm, Pomije, Mattson)
- 6/7 – 2021 Financial Audit with Peterson, office (Mattson, Pomije)
- *6/10/22 – Area 3 Resolution Meeting, Carlton, all Supervisors welcome and have a vote (Supervisor, Staff) registration due June 3

Motion by Sanford, second by Johnson to approve Sanford, Heggernes, Stephanie and any other staff/supervisors interested in attending.

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 6/14/22 – Annual Local Work Group Meeting, 1pm (Pomije, NRCS, Sanford)
- 6/15/22 – **Regular SWCD Board Meeting, 2pm** (all)
- 6/22/22 – Technical Service Area 3 (TSA), 10am, conf. room remotely (Johnson, Pomije)
- Before or after July 4 – Snake 1W1P Policy Cmte. Meeting, (Belkholm, Pomije, Mattson)

*Seeking Supervisor report on meeting attended

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

12. 4:15pm Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Sanford second by Heggernes to adjourn meeting at 4:15pm

Affirmative: Sanford, Johnson, Heggernes

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

***Seeking Board Decisions**