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Outcomes Documents – Regular Board Meeting

Location: Remote Webex Meeting, Tuesday May 19, 2020 3:00 pm

SUPERVISORS: Joyce Sawatzky*, Paul Hoppe*, Kevin Belkholm, Jan Anderson

STAFF: Deanna Pomije*, Jerah Mattson (*present in conf. room)

Absent: Gene Carda (tried calling in without success)

1. 3:04 Roll Call - *Approval of Agenda

Motion by Belkholm, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented with two additional expenses under item 5.8, AIS expenses.

Affirmative: Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Is the 3 pm meeting time still work for everyone?

The 3pm start time will work for everyone for the June Board Meeting.

2. NRCS Report (Rasinski). Rasinski was absent. She provided a written report. On her report she discussed the vandalism that has occurred since October 2019. Pomije will plan to touch on this topic at the next all agency head FAC meeting. Are cameras needed on the building or in the parking lot? Will the landlord cover the cost of them?

3. 3:25 *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 14, 2020

3.3. Staff Reports

3.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training

Motion by Anderson, second by Belkholm to approve the consent agenda as presented with one correction, changes listed here: Under Technical Project Updates – Ann River Nutrient Reduction Grant – last sentence should read ‘namely the McVay erosion project,’

Affirmative: Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

4. *Approve Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Belkholm, second by Anderson to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Affirmative: Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

5. Business

- 5.1. Governor Stay at Home Order has been lifted May 18 – Staff Telework Update – Staff Telework Update, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Purchases. - Pomije has been purchasing some supplies as they are available. Will look into pricing a sneeze guard needed at the front counter. In the long run this may be cheaper than masks for employees.

- 5.2. Snake 1W1P Update – Pomije reviewed some of the latest Steering Cmte. discussion on brainstorming for remote engagement for our upcoming Kickoff, to announce our planning efforts and gather public input.
- 5.3. Rum 1W1P Update – Pomije attended the Mille Lacs SWCD Board meeting 5/13 where Shaw presented an update on the work of the Advisor Cmte. to the board. The group has divided the watershed into 8 management zones with 3 priority resource categories; natural resources, ground water and surface water. They are further defining these categories, more specifically. Belkholm commented that the plan needs more farmer issue representation, such as the need for maintenance on county ditches. He inquired on the number of hits on the plan website.
- 5.4. 25% Budget Cut FY 2021 – Pomije spoke on a recent update from an inter-agency teleconference on the FY 2021 state budget. There is an anticipated 10-25% cut in our state funds/grants for this time period. In lieu of this, Pomije calculated out and presented our State Capacity funds spending over time. These funds are used predominantly for staff. She showed that yes, we have sufficient funds here to continue to hire our vacant Technician position.
- 5.5. District Technician Position Opening – Filling. It was suggested to hire someone who is from the area with the hope that they will stay with the district longer. Pomije, Belkholm and Anderson are going to review resumes 5/22. Interviews will take place 5/29.
- 5.6. Tree Sales Brief Update – Mattson reviewed how many bundles were sold and how many were donated. 313 bundles were received from DNR and Wolcyn’s. 21 bundles were donated to the Braham Schools and 10 bundles were donated to the City of Princeton. She will provide sale totals at next months meeting. Sales were down during the tree distribution as people stayed in their vehicles (due to Covid 19) with staff delivering their bundles to them.
- 5.7 Update on AIS Boat Inspector Positions – **Both Rachael Leyman and Kyle Edgren will be starting 5/22.**
- 5.8. *AIS Expenses – (Total \$5,245.53)
- Staff Time Qtr. 1, 2020, \$3,396.92
 - Misc. Equipment - 2nd Boat Inspector: chair, shade, sponge, grabber, mirror, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, vest (\$41)
 - Ann Lake curly leaf treatment, \$1,807.61
- Motion by Anderson, second by Belkholm** to approve the AIS expenses with the 2 additional expenses added (vests and the Ann Lake treatment).
- Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm
Opposed: None **Abstain:** None
- 5.9. *AIS Boat Inspectors – Coronavirus, offer sick leave; full time – 24 hrs., part time – 14.4 hrs. Pomije mentioned that the COLA group had already approved this leave offer.
- Motion by Hoppe, second by Belkholm** to approve Coronavirus sick leave for AIS Boat Inspectors; full time – 24 hours., part time – 14.4 hours.
- Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm
Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 5.10. *McVay (Jacob Stegner, Mgr.) funding contract, riparian fencing exclusion, 75% funding - \$4,722.35, source Nutrient Reduction Grant with the SCRA, total estimate \$6,296.47 contracting with Mille Lacs SWCD for fencing technical project assistance. Planned future amendment to this contract to add in erosion control projects and watering access in this same area.

Motion by Hoppe, second by Belkholm to approve Pomije as signing authority on the fencing cost-share contract.

Affirmative: Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 5.10. *Weigel, Tonya & Mark, Knife Lake, funding contract \$2,585.25, shoreline restoration, total estimate \$3,447 funding source State Cost Share 75%

Motion by Anderson, second by Belkholm to approve the Weigel shoreline restoration funding through State Cost Share at 75% - \$2,585.25.

Affirmative: Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 5.11 *Supervisor Election Ad, ~\$142

Motion by Hoppe, second by Anderson to approve the Supervisor Election Ad in the amount of \$142.

Affirmative: Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

- 5.12. AgBMP – Kanabec septic, Mark Sutherland – awaiting bid amount confirmation

5. Board Discussion – RIM Easements for the Snake & Kettle Watersheds, Aitkin SWCD, Jake seeking Lessard Sam’s Outdoor Heritage Council funding proposal, if approved: requesting staff time for easement promotion / development (reimbursed by BWSR \$2,000 per easement), perpetual easements funded at 60% of county assessed land value.

6. 5:00 Project Updates:

The consent agenda includes details on project developments.

Rosnow Shoreline Restoration – engineering assessment – Pomije reviewed Matias’ (TSA Engineer) technical assessment of this shoreline project site on the Knife River. Many complexities of the river delta area were discussed in this assessment. His technical recommendation involved native plantings. He stated that no engineering solution is necessary at this site, but in additional protection measures were sought, the installation of a coir log (very rough estimate \$12,700) at the toe of this bank would be an option. At the KLID meeting on 5/16 this assessment was generally accepted. Their board is awaiting the access signatures of both Carda and Rosnow before proceeding. Rosnow may still be interested in being paid \$5,000 for access for this project. Belkholm commented on the need for rock in this project.

7. 5:05 General Discussion / Public Input

Belkholm reported that oats have been planted on all 3 fields of the District land, using the ML SWCD no-till seeding drill. His plan is to harvest this late summer and plant Kernza (perennial wheat) in August. It was suggested to run RUSLE 2 to determine the soil savings associated with this change in rotation.

9. 5:15 Set Next Meeting Dates / Committee Reports – assume all remote meetings - next meeting dates

- _____ – East Central Landscape Cmte. Meeting (Hoppe)

- 5/13 - Mille Lacs SWCD Remote Board Mtg., update on Rum 1W1P, 6 pm (Pomije)
- 5/14 – Snake 1W1P Steering Cmte., Remote Meeting 1:30 pm (Pomije, Mattson)
- 5/14 - COLA-AIS Remote Meeting, 5 pm call-in (Pomije)
- 5/16 – KLID Meeting, Rosnow, 8 am (Pomije)
- 5/19 – 6/2 ELECTION FILING PERIOD! – Supervisor Districts 1, (Belkholm) 2, 3, & 5
- 5/22 – Potential Start Date – 2 summer boat inspectors / culvert inventory
- 5/21 - Forestry Assoc. Meeting, McGregor 9:30 am (Carda)
- 5/25 – Snake River Watershed Board, 9am (Hoppe, Pomije) **Cancelled**
- 5/28 – Rum Policy Cmte. Meeting, Mille Lacs Courthouse, 5-7 pm (Belkholm) **Will be call/log in**
- Date TBD - Local Work Group Meeting, Ogilvie, with ML SWCD, 1 pm
- Cancelled June - Area 3 Resolution Meeting – Hoppe requested input on how important it was to have an area 3 resolution meeting, especially if no resolutions were coming from this area. Some commented that a need for a meeting wasn't great, agency updates are outdated quickly.
- 6/9 - Tues. **Regular SWCD Board Remote Call-in Meeting**, 3 pm (all)
- 6/22 - Snake 1W1P Policy Cmte. Meeting (Hoppe, Pomije, Mattson)

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

Some commented on liking the Zoom remote call in platform over our current WebEx version.

Agenda items for next month?

11. 4:55 Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Belkholm, second by Anderson to adjourn meeting at 4:55pm.

Affirmative: Sawatzky, Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

***Seeking Board Decisions**