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Outcomes Documents – Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday June 15, 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, Kim Johnson, Gene Carda
STAFF: Deanna Pomije, Jerah Mattson, Josh Votruba, Deb Hermel, Shannon Rasinski, Mary Krueger

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

Motion by Sanford, second by Belkholm to approve the Agenda as presented

Affirmative: Belkholm, Johnson, Heggernes, Sanford

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

2. NRCS Report (Shannon Rasinski) NRCS staff is working with producers to evaluate resource concerns on applications, certifying EQIP contracts for completed no-till, fencing and livestock pipelines. Cover crop seed mixtures are being created. Golden Winged Warbler and MAWQCP applications were due June 4. Eight warbler habitat applications were received (2 Kanabec Co.) and 5 MAWQCP applications. CSP received \$9.9M in the classic sign-up and \$11 for the renewal program sign-up. Local Work Group meeting will be held June, 30 at 1:00 at the USDA Service Center in Mora. The meeting resulted in Jon Sanford chairing and Paul Hoppe in attendance providing input. A few other producers provided comments before or after the meeting. Those in attendance listed the top 5 priority concerns for the land uses; cropland, pasture, forest land and farmstead. These local inputs are submitted for consideration toward their FY22 conservation program application rankings. See the attached meeting outcomes attached.

3. Carda arrived 2:15

4. *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, 2021

3.3. Staff Reports

3.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training

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

Affirmative: Belkholm, Johnson, Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

5. *Approve Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative: Belkholm, Johnson, Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

6. Business

5.0 SWCD Board Meeting Location. Pomije mentioned briefly some of the recent changes to the ‘Open Meeting Law’. When the governor’s Covid emergency restrictions are lifted the district has 60 days to comply with these new changes. Staff will look more into these details for review in July. The governor’s Covid emergency restrictions were lifted July 1.

5.1. *DNR Observation Wells contract renewal, request approval

Motion by Belkholm, second by Sanford to approve Pomije authority to renew our annual contract with the DNR for our observation well activities.

Affirmative: Belkholm, Johnson, Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

5.2. Award Soil Health Field Day Scholarship, \$900, Great Job Votruba, This funding was awarded to us due to the application efforts of Votruba. Funds are to be used for a Soil Health Field Day this year, still in development. To be held possibly Sept. 10th.

5.3. Tree Sales - The gross profit for the 2021 sales was -\$70.92. This report was generated with the total 5,700 trees/shrubs purchased and sold, specialty items purchased and staff time. Criteria used to evaluate tree vendors was reviewed as per requested last month. The DNR nursery fertilizes their trees to help with root growth and in part uses hand labor to handle the trees as they are being dug out of the ground. It was suggested to provide a survey for input from customers the day of the tree pick-up.

5.4. *Snake 1W1P Organizational Option preference, support resolution – A discussion was had on the two main organizational options for the Snake 1w1p to organize once the funding comes; collaboration or an entity. The benefits for the entity were reviewed in using the existing Snake River Watershed Management Board (SRWMB) framework.

Motion by Sanford, second by Belkholm for the Kanabec SWCD to support the Snake 1W1P organizational ‘Entity Option’ for plan implementation using the format of the existing SRWMB.

Affirmative: Belkholm, Johnson, Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

7. **Project Updates**, in consent agenda – any questions. The Hwy 65 project is still in development. Waiting for a revised cost estimates from TSA before presentation to county board for funding support. Melissa Willit’s conservation project application was not approved for funding elsewhere. So, it was suggested; that as the district has funding available, to work with her on an erosion control project.

8. Board Discussion

9. General Discussion / Public Input

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

- 6/10 – Snake 1W1P Technical Advisory Cmte., (TAC) 1:30-4:30pm (Pomije, Mattson)
- 6/10 – COLA/AIS Meeting, 5pm (Votruba, Sanford)

- 6/10 – COLA Lakes/Rivers Public Forum Gathering, 5:30-7pm (Votruba, Sanford)

Sanford reported that the public forum was a very good meeting with representatives from all 6 Kanabec Lake Associations. and public input on their lake concerns.
- 6/15 – County Board Meeting, 1W1P organizational options (Pomije, Weinerman, Sanford)
- 6/23 – Area 3 TSA Meeting, remote 10 am (Johnson)
- 6/24 - Rum Policy Cmte. Meeting 5-7 pm (Johnson)
- 6/28 – Snake River Watershed Mgmt. Board (SRWMB) Mtg., 9am (Votruba, Pomije, Belkholm)
- 6/28 – Snake 1W1P Policy Cmte. Meeting, 11 am (Belkholm, Pomije, Mattson)
- 6/30 – Local Work Group Mtg., SWCD office 1-3 pm (Sanford, Pomije, Votruba, Hermel, Rasinski)
- 7/15 – Forestry Assoc. Meeting, Badoura Tour (Carda)
- 7/20 – Tues **Regular SWCD Board Meeting**, Kanabec SWCD office **2pm** (all)

As Heggernes will be absent; Belkholm offered to chair.

*Seeking Supervisor report at Meeting

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

12. 3:53 pm Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Sanford, second by Johnson to adjourn meeting at 3:53pm

Affirmative: Belkholm, Johnson, Heggernes, Sanford, Carda

Opposed: None **Abstain:** None

***Seeking Board Decisions**