

POPE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING Minutes

Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am June 16, 2015

**Meeting site: USDA Service Center,
1680 N. Franklin Avenue
Glenwood, MN 56334**

Attendance: Kelly Erickson, Holly Kovarik, Britta Haseman, Randy Pederson, Tom Talle, Jessica Oldakowski, Amanda Conaway, Joe Ayres-Johnson, Paul Gerde, Mike Billehus, Gary Reents, and Pete Waller

1. The meeting was called to order by President Talle at 7:00 a.m. and the pledge was recited.
2. Introduction of new staff-Joe Ayres Johnson has been hired as the Conservation Corps Intern. He started the last week in May.
3. Additions/or corrections to the agenda items-President

4. Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)-President

a) **May 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

b) **Resolutions-NONE**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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c) **Contract/Applications for Approval**

<u>Number/Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Application \$\$</u>

d) **Appropriations/Payments-None**

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description of Payment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payment Code/Description</u>
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e) **Grant Payment/Project Approvals-**

<u>Contract Code</u>	<u>Grant Name</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>	<u>Project Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payment</u>

Randy Pederson made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

5. Commissioner Update-Paul Gerde

- Equalization meeting was held with little input from the public.
- Minnesota rural community caucus was held and there was discussion about buffers.
- Approved a bid for the courthouse work.
- Coordinator for the county turned in his resignation.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a) **Chippewa River Watershed Meeting-Kovarik**

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Provided an update on the meeting held with Chippewa River Watershed project discussing grant writing for this next opening round. The Chippewa River Watershed project will begin writing the main parts of the grant for two sub watersheds between Pope and Swift Counties and will attain the number and type of projects from Swift County for the application. This is for the tributary of the Chippewa River and includes most of Barsness and Rolling Forks Townships only. The CRWP will serve an overall administrative role for the grant and the SWCD will continue to do the project development, technical and engineering components of each project.

The SWCD intends to apply for the 8 lake TMDL areas as we have in the past for applications.

The application will be opening up in July sometime.

b) **Rosholt-Kovarik**

*Discussed and approved joint powers agreement for continued research at Rosholt. **Reents made a motion to approve the new agreement with MDA for the Rosholt farm for the next year as presented. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.***

*Discussed the new sign and purchase, rake purchase, plumbing, and upcoming tour scheduled. **Pederson made a motion to approve the expenditures necessary before June 30th, 2015 as described by staff and Billehus seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.***

c) **Legislative Updates-Pete Waller, BWSR**

Provided an update to the board regarding the latest special session. More information can be found on the BWSR website on the legislation.

d) **Shoreline Restoration Program-Kovarik**

To discuss scheduling a tour of several restorations to spur more interest in restorations as indicated in our grant agreement. To encumber funding to three more projects.

Reents made a motion to encumber funding not to exceed \$3,500 to three new projects pending the sites meet the qualifications in the program. Mark Dzandzara, Lloyd Campbell, and Polly McCormick which are all on Lake Minnewaska Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

8. Reports

a) **Treasurer Report**

- i. Monthly Checking Account Report #11247 as of May 31, 2015
- ii. Monthly Savings Account Report #870903 as of May 31, 2015
- iii. May Treasurer Report (3 year comparison)

Billehus made a motion to approve the treasurer report and Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

c) **Holly Kovarik, Manager**

1. 1 watershed 1 plan meeting updates were provided to the board. They discussed the different tools that are being discussed for prioritization and targeting.

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2. Computer was purchased as discussed. Another computer may need to be purchased.
3. Summer Tour & Event updates were discussed with the board.
4. Area II meeting updates were shared with the board.
5. RIM site visits will be conducted this summer there are 100.
6. Mark Cihlar State Cost Share Project 2014 and 2015 Funds \$11,284.62 between 2014 and 2015 funds- **Billehus made a motion to approve the cost share and Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**
7. Carey and Bob Peterson State Cost Share Project \$10,000 CWF05+15 Phase II Minnewaska –**Reents made a motion to approve the cost share for the Peterson project and Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**
8. Bonanza Valley Groundwater Management Meetings

d) Kelly Erickson, Technician

1. Wetland Conservation Act – There is a restoration order for Hauge and the timeline has been tripped. We will know more at the next board meeting. There are two wetland deliniations that were completed that were shared with the board. **Reents made a motion to approve the Audrey and Dennis Buysse wetland delineation pending there are no zoning issues. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. White Bear Lake Township has Westwood Consultant working on solar project and the delineation. Pederson made a motion to approve the delineation as presented and Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.** There are two mitigation requests on cultivated fields that he is working on as well.
2. Tree/grass planting status-Trees are done and there are a few grass sites left.
3. Irrigation Management-working on getting this kicked off next week.

e) Britta Haseman, Farmbill Technician

1. Re-enrollments-working on site checks.
2. Poster Contest has been completed.

f) Jessica Oldakowski, CWMA Intern-training with Barry Bouwman. She has been scouting and spraying this past month as well as grass seeding and completing a shoreline spraying.

g) Amanda Conaway, MDA Rosholt project Intern-completed sampling and will be assisting on a shoreline restoration maintenance.

h) Joe Ayres Johnson, Conservation Corps Intern-he is working on a mapping project and weeding shorelines.

i) Grant Herfindahl, FSA-no report

j) Jeff Hellerman, NRCS-

- Working on 1026 reports

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- CRP sign up and quotes,
- CSP 20 applications,
- WRP easement monitoring,
- Dave Jungst last day is June 30.
- EQIP 15 contracts \$770,000 allocated to Pope County projects. (20 WASCOBs)
- Set Local Work Group meeting after the July 21st board meeting at 9 am
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9. **Board Member Meeting Reports-**Randy Pederson reported on the 1 watershed 1 plan meeting on the policy committee. They reviewed bylaws and elected leadership to the committee. They also wanted a producer representative on the technical committee. Did not attend a Glacial Ridge Trail meeting this month.

10. **Upcoming Meetings:**

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Meeting Description</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>
7-21-15	Pope SWCD Regular Meeting	USDA Service Center	7 a.m.

11. **FYI Items**

- Rosholt Field day is scheduled for July 16th.

12. **Adjourn-**Billehus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 a.m. and Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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