



MEETING Minutes
Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am
May 21, 2019

Attendance: Keith Nygaard, Tom Talle, D. Gary Reents, Randy Mitteness, Randy Pederson, Holly Kovarik, Nicole Brede, Tiffany Muellener, Jeff Hellerman, and Kelly Erickson

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 a.m. by President Talle and the Pledge was recited.
2. Additions/or corrections to the agenda items were made.
3. Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)-*President*

a) *April 2019 Board Meeting Minutes*

b) *Resolutions-NONE*

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>

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>
1.	Houston Engineering	PTMapp East Branch Chippewa River	\$10,988.25	Capacity
2.	UofM	Rosholt	\$28,000	Rosholt Grant
3.	WCTSA	Engineering	\$8,523.00	Various

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>
WS01-19	LWM	Ryan Wildman	Well Sealing	Leven 19		\$500.00

Keith Nygaard made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

4. Commissioner Update-*Paul Gerde*

- The 2020 Census was mentioned. There is a committee being developed to discuss the process of the Census.
- They have adjusted the County Ordinance.
- There is a moratorium on new gravel pits.
- He shared information about the Chippewa River Local Work Group meeting and the CRWP JPB meeting. The Pope County board approved payback of their share of the grant funds to the



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Board of Water and Soil Resources. This is about \$25,000 as Pope County represents 30% of the watershed area.

- The CRWP JPB has been working through MCIT coverage of the regarding the grant funds. It does not sound like the insurance company will pay on this issue.
- He mentioned the pre-wraps project that has to be completed by the end of 2019. He shared that some of the \$28,000 for this process could be used to talk about the structure of the organization. The predominant use for the funds is to complete the work plan. The group discussed a temporary coordination role. This role could be handled by SWCD/County staff to move forward. He mentioned that Pope SWCD staff shared a potential interest in the coordination role. Kovarik shared at this time that she would be willing to step forward to assist in the interim coordination role. Pope County is covered by 80% of this watershed and has a vested interest in the project moving forward. Kovarik looked to the Pope SWCD Board members for guidance on their wishes. Pope SWCD would need to say that they are interested when the time comes. The CRWP JPB will likely discuss at the June meeting who is interested in this role. Randy Mitteness made a motion to authorize Kovarik to share that Pope SWCD is officially interested in the interim coordination role for the Chippewa River Watershed. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- He shared that the CROW organization is potentially disbanding.

5. Old Business

- Stearns SWCD MAWQCP Resolution Support- Keith Nygaard made a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the board packet. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- MASWCD Resolutions- none suggested by staff
- 70th Anniversary of Pope SWCD/Rosholt Field Day set August 27th
- Norm Nissen Project Discussion- The Pope SWCD Board of Supervisors- Keith Nygaard made a motion to exhaust available Buffer Cost Share dollars for the Nissen WASCOB project but also recognized that this was the only funding available at this time for the project. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Staff will share this information with the landowner.

6. New Business

- Farmbill Assistance Program information as shared with the board. The funding for the position will be different this next year. The funding available starting July 1st is CREP funding.
- Farmbill CREP Grant- Kovarik shared that she would apply for these funds at a 50% rate. CREP has not been very popular recently in Pope County. Landowners that choose to enroll in CRP and not CREP work load would not be able to be paid for by this funding.
- Earl Hauge Application for a Wetland Conservation Act No Loss Determination- Earl Hauge met with the Pope SWCD regarding his application for a no loss determination. Hauge explained his reasons for the project and his interest in reducing nitrate leaching into the groundwater. He stated that by pumping from his dug ditch he would be recycling the



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nitrites. The TEP denied the no loss application as there was not enough information to determine that the adjacent wetland would not be impacted by the pumping from the dug ditch. The TEP recommended a staff gauge in the dug ditch and observation wells to monitor effects. Hauge requested to appeal to the Pope SWCD board as he was reluctant to spend money on observation wells and staff gauges. D. Gary Reents made a motion to concur with the TEP and recommend denial of the No Loss Application. Randy Mitteness seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. It was also noted that the application was not complete and was missing information.

- Area II meeting for West Central MASWCD June 19 Lakeside Ballroom-All 5 board members would like to attend.
- Chippewa River Watershed project discussion was already addressed earlier on the agenda.

7. Reports

a. Treasurer Report-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the treasurer report and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

- ii. Monthly Checking Account Report #11247
- iii. Monthly Savings Account Report #870903
- iv. Treasurer Report (3-year comparison)

b) Holly Kovarik, Manager

- The Audit has been set for the calendar year 2018 for August 14th.
- Legislative Updates were shared with the board. The legislative session is still underway, and we should know more by the end of the month on the outcome of Capacity Funding.
- Construction update
 - Amundson finished 5/13/2019 final payment authorization-Keith Nygaard made a motion to approve the payment not to exceed the amount encumbered and 75% of the final cost. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Zavadil spring construction is planned. The preconstruction meeting was held but it will depend on the weather if it gets finished this spring.
 - Kalina spring construction tile/fall structure-This is the plan but is weather dependent.
 - Paulson final permit received USACOE, USFWS, DNR, WCA, CRP, County CUP (just needs to pay for shoreland alteration permit)
- Office Construction Updates were shared with the board. Most of the work has been done in the main part of our side of the office. Two of the offices yet need to be painted and carpet on the SWCD side of the building.
- MDA Rosholt Nitrogen Irrigation Interaction Study Quarterly Invoice \$2,729.35
- MDA Rosholt Nitrogen Study Quarterly Invoice \$31,428.82
- Quarterly billable



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c) Kelly Erickson, Technician

- Wetland Conservation Act program updates-Blue Mounds Township board road has overtopped, and he is working on this with them.
- Sales Program Updates-3 sites have been planted and have 2 sites left to plant.
- He has buffers to seed yet.
- New ties were put on one of the trucks and an oil leak was fixed.
- He completed the Rosholt tillage and the wheat was planted.
- The Irrigation system is up and running and a uniformity test has been completed.
- He has 13 pivots signed up for Irrigation Water Management.

d) Nicole Brede, District Technician

- Approve Poster Contest Winner to attend Long Lake Conservation Camp moved this item to the end of the agenda.
- Farmbill Updates-CRP signup has been announced starting June 3rd. It is like the last sign-up with no tree practices. It is water quality based. There will be 1-year extensions offered.
- There is discussion that a general sign up is possible in December.
- There are about 130 expiring CRP contracts that will need to be gone through in the next few months.
- Science Fair at BBE is coming up the end of the month.
- Middle Sauk Water Fest Event-Tiffany and Nicole attended and presented 1 station.
- An article was put in the paper for CRP and there will be no PIP or SIP payments and no payment for mid contract management.
- This reenrollment will go from June till August.
- Field checks for reenrollments were completed last fall.

e) Jessica Hoheisel, District Technician

- She has coordinated with the DNR CO to do the sampling on the two lakes. She is also working on the 3 stream sites that are to be monitored.
- Buffer Updates were shared with the board. Nicole has staked out several buffers sites and has about 5-6 buffers left.
- Monitoring Updates-She has started the monitoring for the SWAG grant.
- Easement Updates-She has a site to check boundaries on.
- MASWCD Awards Committee Appointment-Jessica has been appointed to this state committee.

f) Tiffany Muellner, Intern

- She has been testing for about 3 weeks. She has also been working on education programming and tree planting.



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g) Jeff Hellerman, NRCS

- 10 applications for CSP with 1 new one and 1 cancelled contract.
- The deadline for signing up for CSP is in August.
- There are 46 EQIP applications. The Conservation Planner from Douglas assisted with a few applications, Pope SWCD staff, and NRCS local staff. There is a total of 28 applications ranked and uploaded. If they were all awarded that would total \$773,594 in 2019 EQIP. We already had \$93,793 awarded in the first round.
- He has been working on plant materials with 3 orders for our area and one specifically for sweetgrass.

h) Laurie Aaberg, FSA-No report

8. Board Member Meeting Reports

- a. Randy Pederson-North Fork Watershed IWIP policy meetings, Glacial Lakes Trail
 - There will be a meeting on June 5th for the Policy Committee for the North Fork IWIP.
 - There was nothing reported on the Glacial Ridge Trail.
- b. Randy Mitteness-Chippewa River Watershed Board
 - The Chippewa River Watershed was already discussed earlier on the agenda.
- c. D. Gary Reents-Sauk River Watershed IWIP Policy Committee meetings
 - The Sauk River IWIP TAC has been working on the goal statements. This is not ready for the policy committee yet.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Meeting Description</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>
6-18-19	Pope SWCD Regular Meeting	USDA Service Center	7 a.m.

10. FYI Items

- Gobblers thank you recieved for donation of rainbarrel.

11. Judge Posters

- BBE 1st Place Andrea Douvier 5th grade
- BBE 2nd Place Lilly Kallevig 6th grade
- BBE 3rd Place Kacey Fischer 5th grade
- MAHS 1st Place Luke Hoffman 6th grade
- MAHS 2nd Place Becca Femrite 6th grade
- MAHS 3rd Place Lyla Stadtherr
- Glacial Hills 1st Place Brooke Kjorness 5th grade
- Glacial Hills 2nd Place Melana Longtin 6th grade
- Glacial Hills 3rd Place Lucas Tauber 6th grade
- Overall 1st Place Luke Hoffman MAHS
- Overall 2nd Place Becca Femrite MAHS
- Overall 3rd Place Brook Kjorness Glacial Hills



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Keith Nygaard made a motion to approve the poster contest winners as noted and to send the overall winner to Long Lake Conservation Camp. Randy Mittenness seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

12. Adjourn-Keith Nygaard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. and D. Gary Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

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Randy Pedersen

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