



MEETING MINUTES
Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am
September 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Tom Talle, D. Gary Reents, Randy Pederson, Randy Mitteness, Keith Nygaard, Kelly Erickson, Holly Kovarik, Jessica Hoheisel, Nicole Brede, Laurie Aaberg

1. The meeting was called to order by President Talle and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Picture of the Board Members (Wear Your Shirts) was taken toward the end of the meeting.
3. Additions/or corrections to the agenda items were made.
4. Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)-*President*
 - a) *August 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>
2020 Lake Minnewaska Targeted Subwatershed Implementation Project Phase IV CWF Application	Continuation of erosion and sediment control practices implementation	\$242,500
2020 City of Glenwood Targeted Urban Stormwater Implementation Project Phase I CWF Application	Urban stormwater project implementation	\$292,500

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>
WS05-19	LWM	David Rasmussen	Well Decommissioning	Minnewaska 20	\$500.00	
CS18-02	CS 18/19	Carlton Wrolson	WASCOB	Nora 35	\$7500.00	



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

5. Commissioner Update-*Paul Gerde*

- He mentioned the Chippewa River Watershed Local Work Group meeting that was held.
- They will be discussing the preliminary budget today.
- He mentioned a few meetings for the county that he attended.

6. Old Business

- MASWCD Outstanding Conservationist Application Submitted-The board by general consensus approved the application as submitted by staff.
- MASWCD Outstanding Teacher Nomination Submitted-The board by general consensus approved the application as submitted by staff.

7. New Business-None

8. Reports

a. Treasurer Report-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the treasurer report as submitted and subject to audit 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

- Rosholt Field Day Re-cap was shared with the board. There were about 100 people at the event which was more than the Becker Field Day. Overall everyone felt the day went well and the food was great.
- Pope/Stevens/Grant Water Fest was held on September 13 there were about 380 students, volunteers, and presenters at this year's event. This is an event for 6th grade students at 7 school districts.
- Conservation Day is scheduled for September 26th
- 2019 Well Sealing Funds are exhausted. Funds from the 2020 Water Plan if received will continue this program. Annually we are able to seal about 6 wells with cost share assistance.
- Board Conservationist Change-Pete Waller Interim until BWSR rehires for Tara Ostendorf's position.
- Todd and Tom Johnshoy Project-Keith Nygaard made a motion to encumber funding for the Todd and Tom Johnshoy Project in Blue Mounds 8 & 9 in the amount of \$60,000. The funds will be encumbered out of the 2017 Lake Emily grant. D. Gary Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- D. Gary Reents Project-Keith Nygaard made a motion to approve the D. Gary Reents WASCOD project and encumber \$11,000 out of the State Cost Share FY 2019. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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- Changes to NRBG grant were shared with the board. The NRBG does not have a requirement now for matching of funds. The SWCD receives the Wetland Conservation Act funds and half of the local water management plan funds. The funding can be floated between the programs in the NRBG grant. Kovarik shared that it does take the full grant plus the match totaling \$30,000 to implement the Wetland Conservation Act program. She also shared that the half of the local water management funds are used for staff to implement the local water plan priorities and for the well sealing program.
 - She shared materials from the Clean Water Council Tour in the Rochester area.
- c) Kelly Erickson, Technician
- Wetland Conservation Act program updates were shared with the board. There are 2 official decisions Lowry CSG LLC White Bear Lake Section 1 and Novel Starbuck Solar LLC White Bear Lake Section 19 that the Technical Evaluation Panel reviewed and are asking the board to concur with the delineations as presented. Randy Pederson made a motion to approve the concurrence with the boundary determinations and Keith Nygaard seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Sales Program Updates- He mentioned that irrigation water management is wrapping up for the season. He has a few buffers to seed yet but it is very wet.
 - Wheat harvested at Rosholt received \$4.10 per bushel and there were no deductions taken. The Kernza was seeded and we rented a Truax drill from Swift SWCD.
 - He assisted at water fest and has completed the observation well monitoring.
- d) Nicole Brede, District Technician
- CRP Updates were shared with the board by Jessica.
 - 27 re-enrolled, 64 1 year extensions, 3 new includes 1 CREP, 76 no option or said now (5 could have re-enrolled and 15 could have extended but chose not to.)
- e) Jessica Hoheisel, District Technician
- Buffer Updates-We do have a few sites yet to complete but it has been very wet. Landowners will be in compliance as long as they are still working on being in compliance with the SWCD staff.
 - Monitoring Updates-There is one more time of monitoring for streams and the lakes this season.
 - Easement Updates-She is working on RIM site checks and there are about 60-80 sites to review and this will be split between Kelly and Jessica. She has also been working on cost share reimbursement for sites.
 - She assisted with Glacial Hills Day and Water Fest.
- f) Jeff Hellerman-no report



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g) Laurie Aaberg, FSA

- She shared information about the Market Facilitation program.
- CRP is wrapping up and there was 1 new CREP contract.
- They will be working on CRP payments the first week of October.
- The furniture is coming in early October.
- She is working on still filling Wendy's position.
- There was discussion about the crops and that the rain as well as hail has had an impact.

9. Board Member Meeting Reports

- a. Randy Pederson-North Fork Watershed IWIP policy meetings, Glacial Lakes Trail
He shared information about the North Fork Watershed IWIP and that they are discussing a fulltime position and the budget would be met by \$2,500 per partner plus the \$64,000 block grant.
- b. Randy Mitteness-Chippewa River Watershed Board/Governance 101 Training
 - He shared a few details about the Governance 101 Training and that it was a good training.
 - There is a scheduled CRWP meeting this Friday.
- c. D. Gary Reents-Sauk River Watershed IWIP Policy Committee meetings
 - He said there had not been a meeting.

10. Upcoming Meetings:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Meeting Description</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>
10-15-2019	Pope SWCD Regular Meeting	USDA Service Center	7 a.m.

11. FYI Items-none

12. Adjourn-Keith Nygaard made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 a.m. and Randy Mitteness seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

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