



MEETING Minutes

Meeting will be held at the Rolling Forks Vineyard & Tour of Paulson Project
Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am
August 18, 2020

Attendance: Keith Nygaard, Tom Talle, D. Gary Reents, Randy Mitteness, Randy Pederson, Holly Kovarik, Jessica Hoheisel, Kelly Erickson, Nicole Brede, and Commissioner Paul Gerde, guests: Joe Cihlar and Ross Reiffenberger

1. The meeting was called to order by President Talle at 7:04 a.m. The pledge was recited.
2. The agenda was approved by general consensus of the members.
3. Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)-*President*

a) *July 2020 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>
FY 2021 CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant	CREP Outreach Grant	\$52,811

d) *Appropriations/Payments-None*

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description of Payment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payment Code/Description</u>
1.	WSN	City of Glenwood Stormwater grant	\$5,220	City of Glenwood grant project

e) *Grant Payment/Project Approvals-NONE*

<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>
WS01-20	LWM FY20	Paul Swenson	Well Sealing	Barsness 24 Barsness 36 Rolling Forks 1		NTE \$1,450

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

4. Commissioner Update-*Paul Gerde*

- He mentioned that the board has begun the budget process which will be done via teleconference.



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- He mentioned broadband testing.
- He mentioned discussion about Reno/Maple/Turtle lakes having high water levels.

5. Old Business

- Rosholt Virtual Field Day Updates-scheduled for August 20th Noon-1:15 was mentioned with over 140 registered at this time.
- Pope County Ag Society Letter about our sponsorship funds was shared with the board. The Pope Co Ag Society will not be refunding sponsorships this year and keeping the funds to help them keep the lights on. They are holding a couple of tractor pulls late summer.
- Buffer Law Update-Compliance and Non-Compliance Status-The noncompliance notices were sent to the County and to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. There was a total of 3 sent with all of the remaining parcels considered compliant at this time.
- 2016 Lake Minnewaska Targeted grant closed out final payment \$21,690
- 2020 Local Work Group Meeting follow up was shared by Jeff Hellerman. A final copy of the submitted ranking was shared with the board.

6. New Business

- 2021 County Appropriation Request appointment August 18th at 2:00 p.m.-Kovarik shared details with the board so that some may participate on the call later in the day.
- Face Covering Requirements and Recommendations under Executive Order 20-81-Kovarik discussed the status of this new requirement. The SWCD is following the protocol and she also shared that this is consistent with the County staff. USDA has interpreted this a little differently and have information from their state office that they do not need to wear a mask when they move about the building. We have built a plexiglass barrier for Nicole who was the only one without a wall. Staff while at their desk do not have to wear a mask but as they move around in the building or are near others (within 6 feet) they need to have a mask on. Interns working at Rosholt need to wear a mask if they are within 6 feet of each other. If they are alone, they do not need to wear a mask. Kovarik mentioned that we are able to meet in the office but will need to decide what the board wants to do for meetings in the future. This will be discussed again later in the agenda.
- 2021 Lake Minnewaska Targeted Subwatershed Implementation Project Phase IV \$235,000
- 2021 East Branch Chippewa River Targeted Subwatershed Implementation project \$345,000
- Keith Nygaard made a motion to approve both applications as submitted and described by Kovarik. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- MASWCD Convention going virtual and more details will be shared as they are available.
- MASWCD Award Programs has been canceled. There was discussion if we should do awards locally but it was determined that we would put this on pause for 2020.

7. Reports

- a. Treasurer Report-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the treasurer report as presented subject to audit and Randy Mitteness seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - ii. Monthly Checking Account Report #11247



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

b) Holly Kovarik, Manager

- 2017 Lake Emily Targeted grant 40% payment received grant 87% spent.
- Clean Water Council working on FY 22-23 recommendations-Kovarik shared a little about the challenges with this budget and the reductions that will be necessary. Funding for SWCD Capacity funding will be a large component that will be debated this entire cycle. The next month will be tough as about \$35 Million needs to still be shaved from the budget to fit in Capacity funding and meet the budget target of \$220 Million.
- Participated in Managers Call updates on BWSR programs and reporting.
- MCIT 2020 Dividend \$2,009
- MDA Rosholt Nitrogen Study 2nd quarter \$38,134.30
- MDA Becker Samples 2nd quarter \$317.16
- Rosholt Family visited the farm-We had 3 grandchildren of Herman Rosholt participate in the field day.
- CRWP Invoice for 2nd quarter \$2,611.13
- LCCMR 2nd quarter invoice \$10,598.60
- MDA Irrigation Interaction Nitrogen Study 2nd quarter \$13,996.95
- Quarterly reporting
- Sauk River IWIP Plan review have till August 21-Kovarik is working on submitting comments for the plan draft.
- Chippewa River watershed partners have all approved the new JPA-We are just waiting on one final signature page and then the agreement will be shared with everyone.
- Soil Health Coalition information and field days were shared with the board.

c) Kelly Erickson, Technician

- Sales Program Updates-He has been sending out weekly reports for Irrigation Water Management. He has worked with Agassiz Seed on a couple of sites where the grass mixes are not growing yet. Agassiz Seed will work with him on replacement. He has been moving the drill a lot lately. He has started RIM Reviews.
- WCA items: CSAH 33 Culvert Sauk River WD Pope Co Ditch 6-He mentioned this project and that approval would be needed from the board on this application. D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the TEP recommendation and Randy Mitteness seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Erickson mentioned that the Restoration Order has been sent to Earl Hauge for the site in Chippewa Falls Section 26.



*Meeting site: USDA Service Center,
1680 N. Franklin Avenue
Glenwood, MN 56334
BA-Board Action
I-Information*

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- Erickson has reviewed 7 building sites with possible WCA impacts all are able to avoid.

d) Nicole Brede, District Technician-She has been working on CRP.

e) Jessica Hoheisel, District Technician

- She provided a little more update on buffers.
- She has been working on assisting with Kernza plot samples and data submission.
- She has been doing RIM site checks. There are about 60 to complete and they are split between Jessica and Kelly.
- She is working on haying agreements for RIM sites.
- She has been working on the CREP Easement for the Meyer project and is close to be recorded.
- She has been completing the SWAG monitoring and this is the last season.
- She has had some weed identification that she has been doing.
- She assisted with seeding a critical area planting.
- She has helped with the no till drills.

f) Tiffany Muellner, Intern/Kimberly DeMorett, Intern-no report

g) Jeff Hellerman, NRCS

- He mentioned status of the CRP program and a deadline approaching.
- CSP payment deadline is November 6th.
- There are 2 approved applications for EQIP in 2020 an energy audit and pasture improvement.
- There is one wetland restoration project in the works.

h) Laurie Aaberg, FSA -no report

8. Board Member Meeting Reports

- a. Randy Pederson-North Fork Watershed IWIP meetings & staff update, Glacial Lakes Trail - The North Fork Crow Policy committee met but Randy had trouble and was not able to get onto the call.
- b. Randy Mitteness-Chippewa River Watershed Board & staff update-There is a meeting scheduled for this coming Friday.
- c. D. Gary Reents-Sauk River Watershed IWIP Committee meetings & staff update-He mentioned the plan is out for comment and will be discussed next week at the policy committee meeting.

9. Upcoming Meetings:



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9-15-2020	Pope SWCD Regular Board Meeting	TBD	7:00 a.m.

The board discussed having the meeting again at Rolling Forks Vineyard as we were able to socially distance well. The second choice would be via Zoom. Kovarik will work on making the arrangements for the meeting.

- 10. FYI Items-*none*
- 11. Public Comment-*none*
- 12. Adjourn -Randy Mitteness made a motion to adjourn and Keith Nygaard seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Joe Cihlar gave a brief tour of the winery and then the group traveled to the site visit of the Dean Paulson project site. Ross Reiffenberger, WCTSA Engineer, was at the meeting to answer any design questions.

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