



MEETING Minutes

Meeting will be held via Zoom due to the Pandemic
Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am
June 16, 2020

Attendance: Tom Talle, D. Gary Reents, Randy Pederson, Randy Mitteness, Keith Nygaard, Holly Kovarik, Kelly Erickson, Jessica Hoheisel, Nicole Brede, Commissioner Paul Gerde, Jason Weirnerman (BWSR)

1. The meeting was called to order by President Talle and the Pledge was recited at 7:05 a.m.
2. Approve the Agenda-A motion was made by Nygaard to approve the agenda and Randy Mitteness seconded the motion. The motion passed with roll call vote all in favor: Nygaard, Mitteness, Pederson, and Reents.

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

a) *May 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>

d) *Appropriations/Payments-None*

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description of Payment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payment Code/Description</u>
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2.				

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>

D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented and Nygaard seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with all voting in favor including: Nygaard, Pederson, Mitteness, and Reents.

4. Commissioner Update-Paul Gerde

- He mentioned the upcoming equalization meeting coming up.
- He shared that people can start by appointment coming to the courthouse.
- He shared that use of Rainbow Rider is down due to COVID.

5. Old Business

- Rosholt Field Day Discussion was held by the board. Keith Nygaard made a motion to hold the Rosholt Field day using an online method and Randy Pederson seconded the motion.



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The motion passed by roll call vote all in favor: Mitteness, Pederson, Nygaard and Reents.

- Area II Meeting Update/Discussion -Randy Pederson made a motion to hold a virtual Area II meeting and Nygaard seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote all in favor: Nygaard, Pederson, Mitteness, and Reents.
- WCTSA Meeting Scheduled 6/18/20 9:30 a.m. and this information has been distributed to the board members.
- Legislative Updates were shared with the board. The legislature didn't accomplish much, and we now are waiting on a special session.
- Election Filing updates were shared both Supervisors re-filed.
- Update on CREP Interest Submitted-There has been a one-year extension approved. We should have funding for the next year. As soon as the state fiscal year ends on 6/30/2020, staff will work on a new agreement with BWSR.
- Rosholt Research Farm SRWD Special Assessments were abated.

6. New Business

- DNR Walk in Access Agreement \$250 for each landowner agreement NTE \$2,250
- WSN Estimate City of Glenwood Ravine and Well Sealing Project was shared with the board.
- FPAC Guidance on USDA Service Center Reopening was shared with the board and has been included in the packet.
- 2020 Grant Application plan will be 2 applications: Lake Minnewaska project area and East Branch of the Chippewa project area.

7. Reports

- a. Treasurer Report-Randy Mitteness made a motion to approve the treasurer report and D. Gary Reents seconded the motion pending his review of the report. The motion passed by roll call vote with Mitteness, Reents, Pederson, and Nygaard voting in favor.
 - ii. Monthly Checking Account Report #11247
 - iii. Monthly Savings Account Report #870903
 - iv. Treasurer Report (3-year comparison)

b) Holly Kovarik, Manager

- Staffing updates were shared with the board.
- Office opening status information was shared with the board and included in the packet. The door is to remain closed until September at which time the FAC will revisit reopening the front door. Landowners are continuing to be assisted by appointment and over the phone and email.
- Sauk River Planning Updates-(Policy Committee recommendation for Stearns Auditor/ECS Fiscal, and SRWD Coordinator roles) This is consistent with what this board has discussed already.
- Board Conservationist will be Jason Weirnerman for the SWCD
- Board Conservationist for Chippewa River Watershed will be Jason Beckler



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- Chippewa River Watershed Project updates-The group continues working on the WRAPS Public Participation Plan. There are a few projects being implemented with the 319 grant. There are only a handful of LGUs that have not approved the JPA at this time.
- c) Kelly Erickson, Technician
- Sales Program Updates working on Irrigation Water Management.
 - Completed observation well monitoring.
 - He has been busy with activities and irrigation at Rosholt.
 - WCA items: Solarclub LLC, Earl Hauge Chippewa Falls Section 26
- d) Nicole Brede, District Technician
- She has been busy with MAWQCP with landowners, Walk In Access Program, CREP, and CRP.
- e) Jessica Hoheisel, District Technician
- She has been helping with the sales program including fabric and tree planting. She has conducted buffer verification and has about 10-12 left to complete.
 - There is 1 CREP interest.
 - She has been doing the SWAG Monitoring.
 - She has been starting work on the stormwater projects as well.
 - WSN quote was discussed by the board. Nygaard made a motion to approve the quote to provide a design on the ravine repair and well sealings for the City of Glenwood site. Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote of aye: Reents, Mitteness, Pederson, and Nygaard.
- f) Tiffany Muellner, Intern
- She has been working at Rosholt half time on the research plots.
- g) Kimberly DeMorett, Intern
- She has been working fulltime at Rosholt on the research plots.
- h) Jeff Hellerman, NRCS
- CSP deadline is coming and they have ranked 17.
 - EQIP has had 46 applicants this year and 23 have been ranked high priority with \$847,000 requested.
 - They have been working on certifying practices.
 - He has been working on CRP.
 - NRCS is working in the office some and teleworking some.
- i) Jason Weinerman, BWSR
- He introduced himself to the board. He shared information about the upcoming grant opportunities. He looked in Elink at our current grants and said it look like exciting projects.
- j) Laurie Aaberg, FSA
- They are working on CFAP cares package payments.



Meeting site: *USDA Service Center,
1680 N. Franklin Avenue
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- ARC PLC deadline is June 30th they currently have 50 people signed up.
 - CRP is busy.
8. Board Member Meeting Reports
- a. Randy Pederson-North Fork Watershed IWIP meetings & staff update, Glacial Lakes Trail- No report
 - b. Randy Mitteness-Chippewa River Watershed Board & staff update-There was a meeting last month and a report was already given earlier on the agenda.
 - c. D. Gary Reents-Sauk River Watershed IWIP Committee meetings & staff update-There was a meeting held but the report of that was given earlier on the agenda.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Meeting Description</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>
6-16-2020	Pope SWCD Regular Meeting	Zoom	7 a.m.
6-18-2020	WCTSA Zoom Call	Virtual	9:30 a.m.
7-21-2020	Pope SWCD Regular Board Meeting	USDA Service Center	7:00 a.m.

Nygaard made a motion to hold the next board meeting at Rosholt so that we could meet in person but socially distance ourselves. Mitteness seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote of aye: Nygaard, Mitteness, Pederson, and Reents.

10. FYI Items-None

11. Public Comment-None

12. Adjourn-Randy Mitteness made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 a.m. and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote: Nygaard, Mitteness, Pederson, and Reents.

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