



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting will be held USDA Service Center at 1680 Franklin Street North, Glenwood, MN 56334

Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am

June 21, 2022

Attendance: Tom Talle, D. Gary Reents, Randy Pederson, Keith Nygaard, Commissioner Paul Gerde, Jeff Hellerman, Kelly Erickson, Nicole Brede, Kimberly DeMorett, and Holly Kovarik

1. The meeting was called to order by President Nygaard at 7:03 a.m.
2. D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the agenda and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
3. Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)-*President*

- o *May 17, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes*

- o *Resolutions-None*

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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- o *Contract/Applications for Approval-None*

| <u>Number/Name</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Total Application \$\$</u> |
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- o *Appropriations/Payments*

| | <u>Payee</u> | <u>Description of Payment</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Payment Code/Description</u> |
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- o *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> |
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Randy Pederson made a motion to approve the consent agenda items and Tom Talle seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

4. Commissioner Update-*Paul Gerde*
 - Commissioner Gerde reported that they will be making a Sauk River Watershed District appointment for a new Manager for the board representing Pope County.
5. Old Business
 - o DNR ECP Conservation Partner Legacy Grant Awarded \$50,000-Kovarik shared that the DNR CPL grant has been awarded and she is working on agreements with the state and the City. D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the contract with the DNR for this project and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - o Schaefer WCA Appeal Status Update-Kelly Erickson shared an update on the Schaefer appeal and we should be hearing more on this soon.
6. New Business
 - o MASWCD Leadership Institute Kimberly DeMorett-Randy Pederson made a motion to approve the training for DeMorett in the amount of \$5,000 for the

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registration and expenses and D. Gary Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

- Resolution 01-2022 Approve the Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan-2022 Biennial Workplan-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the resolution and information presented and Tom Talle seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- 7. Treasurer Report-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the treasurer report as presented and subject to audit and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Monthly Checking Account Report #11247
 - Monthly Savings Account Report #870903
 - Treasurer Report (3-year comparison)
- 8. Reports
 - Holly Kovarik, Manager
 - Requested to present at BWSR Academy on Rosholt
 - Attended North Fork IWIP TAC Meeting
 - Attended Sauk River CWMP Implementation Team Meeting
 - Attended WCTSA Lead Contacts Meeting
 - Closed out 2018 Lake Emily CWF Grant
 - Allstream phone carrier 36% increase in monthly invoicing due to deregulation by the FCC
 - Well Sealings payment approval-Randy Pederson made a motion to authorize staff to process payments for David Peterson and Daniel Deans well sealings when all paperwork is complete. Tom Tall seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Authorize to pay Shike Shelterbelt project once complete-Randy Pederson made a motion to authorize staff to complete payments for Shike, Minnewaska Township, and Lundebrek once all paperwork is received and complete. Tom Talle seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Authorize to pay Lundebrek basin project once complete
 - Met with County Commissioners on Sauk Workplan
 - Out for graduation
 - Kelly Erickson, Conservation Technician
 - Sales Program Updates-The trees are all planted. We are concerned about the Black Hills Spruce trees. He is working on grass seedings and drill rentals as well as food plot projects. He has a lot of billing to complete.
 - WCA-He has several sites that he has visited and a potential new violation he needs to review.
 - He has completed the observation well monitoring and irrigation water management checks.



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- He has requested the Ag Sense from West Central Irrigation, but it is not known when they may get to this with all the repairs needed in this region.
- Kimberly DeMorett, Resource and Outreach Technician-no report
- Nicole Brede, Habitat Resource Specialist-She is working on RIM, MAWQCP, CRP and presented for the poster contest awards.
- Jeff Hellerman, NRCS-He has worked on the plant materials training session that was held in our county recently. He is working on many site visits due to the recent storms. Mike Yrjo is leaving NRCS and there will be some changes to who we will be working with for this in the future. The Local Work Group meeting is scheduled for 9:15 today.
- Alexander Fellbaum, FSA CED-no report

9. Board Member Meeting Reports

- Randy Pederson-North Fork Watershed IWIP meetings & staff update, Glacial Lakes Trail -He had a policy committee meeting for the North Fork. He thanked us for the donation for the BeKind project. He shared that the panel discussions at the area meeting were good.
- Randy Mitteness-Chippewa River Watershed Board & staff update-no report.
- D. Gary Reents-Sauk River Watershed IWIP Committee meetings & staff update - May 26th there was a policy committee meeting.
Kovarik shared that Jason Weinerman would like to meet with our board.

10. Upcoming Meetings:

| <u>Meeting Date</u> | <u>Meeting Description</u> | <u>Meeting Location</u> | <u>Meeting Time</u> |
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| 7-19-22 | Pope SWCD Regular Board Meeting | USDA Service Center Building | 7:00 a.m. |

11. FYI Items-none

12. Public Comment-none

13. Adjourn-Tom Talle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

14. Local Work Group Meeting following SWCD Board meeting
