



MEETING Minutes

Meeting will be held USDA Service Center at 1680 Franklin Street North, Glenwood, MN 56334
 Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am
 April 18, 2023

Attendance: Holly Kovarik, Keith Nygaard, Tom Talle, D. Gary Reents, Randy Pederson, Randy Mitteness, Kelly Erickson, Steve Hofstad, Jeff Hellerman, and Earl Hauge

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nygaard at 7:02 a.m. He declared a moment of silence for the fallen police officer Josh Owens.
2. The agenda was approved by consensus with additions.
3. Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)-*President.*
 - o *March 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes*
 - o *Resolutions-None*

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

- o *Contract/Applications for Approval-None*

<u>Number/Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Application \$\$</u>

- o *Appropriations/Payments*

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description of Payment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payment Code/Description</u>
1.	Widseth	Engineering for city of Glenwood project	\$6492.56	2020 City of Glenwood Stormwater Grant
2.	HEI	Engineering City of Lowry Project	\$14,278.73	2021 Local Capacity Grant
3.	Regents UofM	IXN Trial	\$2,750	MDA JPA
4.	Regents UofM	Nitrogen Trial	\$30,000	MDA JPA

- 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>
M07-21	2021 Lake MAHS	Donald Opdahl	WASCOB	Blue Mounds 12	\$12,919.50	
*EB09-2021	2021 East Branch & 2021 Capacity	Mark Nelson	WASCOB	Rolling Forks Section 33	\$36,750.38	

**Note: Mark Nelson project \$35,166.68 2021 East Branch Grant and \$1,583.70 2021 Local Capacity Grant*



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Randy Mitteness made a motion to approve the agenda with additions and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

4. Commissioner Update-*Paul Gerde-no report*
5. Old Business
 - Job Posting Updates-Hire of Judi Femrite who will work part time for us this season.
6. New Business
 - Forestry Association Members D. Gary Reents made a motion to be a member and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Area II Meeting on June 6th in Montevideo discussion for attendance-Keith Nygaard, Randy Pederson, and Randy Mitteness should all be registered. Tom and Gary are maybe for attending the meeting and will let staff know so they can be registered.
 - 2023 Lake Report Updates Contract with RMB \$4,400 (2021 Local Capacity Grant) Tom Talle made a motion to approve the project and D. Gary Reents seconded the motion for updating the lake reports through 2022 data.
 - Tree Pickup Set April 28th and 29th
 - Steve Hofstad Wetland Specialist (In attendance at our meeting) and he arrived at 7:10 a.m.
 - Rosholt Discussion on plots-IXN, Nitrogen Study, Isotope, LCCMR, and general plots-Kovarik shared updates on all the plots at Rosholt and funding.
 - Bailey Agreement Termination for pivot crossing onto property.-Randy Pederson made a motion to terminate the agreement for the pivot to cross on the Rosholt property effective right away to accommodate the research trial with Dr. Fabian Fernandez. Randy Mitteness seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - DCD Trial measuring nitrous oxide emissions different levels of nitrogen inhibitors used 2-year study was discussed with the board. This is the trial that is on the west end of the property and why the neighbors irrigation system cannot cross onto the property anymore.
 - BWSR Grant Spot Check May 18th (FY23 State Cost Share, 2021 Minnewaska Phase IV, and 2020 City of Glenwood Stormwater)
 - Lake Linka Dam Safety State Priority List 2023 #20 was discussed we will continue to wait for funding to proceed.
 - Gerry Maus project authorize to execute contract once bid received. Randy Mitteness made a motion to approve entering a contract once a bid is received. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Kovarik shared that it is now time to submit resolutions if we have any.
 - She shared that the City of Glenwood DWSMA is now a level 2 which will have a team being assembled to discuss further.
 - She shared updates from the Clean Water Council.



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- She shared an invoice from the West Central Technical Service Area Engineers in the amount of \$12,679.28 to be paid from various grants. D. Gary Reents made a motion and Randy Mitteness seconded the motion to pay the bill as described. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Kovarik shared the ad in the plat book this year with the board.
 - She shared an update on the City of Lowry analysis project.
 - She shared that she is still waiting on a finalized DNR grant agreement for the City and Barsness Park.
7. Treasurer Report-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the treasurer report as submitted. 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
 - 1st Quarter Billable Tracking has been done.
 - Attended Spring BWSR Academy training (Helping Private Well Users: Tools, Resources, and Information and Understanding Your Role to Protect Drinking Water)
 - WCTSA Lead Contacts Meeting updates were shared.
 - Area Managers Meeting updates were shared.
 - Legislative Updates were shared.
 - Sauk River Implementation Team Meeting updates were shared.
 - Sauk River Regulatory Meeting updates were shared.
 - North Fork Implementation Team Meeting updates were shared.
 - Clean Water Council Updates
 - Chippewa River Watershed TAC/JPB meeting updates were shared. We are working on draft plan sections this month.
 - MCIT Risk Assessment Completed
 - MCIT EDP Inventory Completed
 - Letter of Support ENRTF was submitted.
 - Participated for part of a meeting on the 2023 Soil Management Summit Planning which will be held in Alexandria December 7th and 8th
 - Gregg Weller Alternative Intakes project discussion.
 - CREP Report 1st Quarter AR \$2,029.50
 - Working on 3 erosion control projects for the RCPP MAWQCP EQIP Applicant Pool
 - MAWQCP 1st Quarter AR \$6,994.85
 - North CWMP (Wright SWCD) AR 1st Quarter \$3,273.85
 - LCCMR Kernza Trial AR 1st Quarter \$4,083.75
 - IXN Study AR 1st Quarter \$2,991.56



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- Nitrogen Study AR 1st Quarter \$41,547.23
 - Irrigation RCPP AR 1st Quarter \$519.74
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- Kelly Erickson, Conservation Technician
 - Sales Program Updates-Trees are coming in on the 25th and pickup information was already shared.
 - WCA-He shared updates on WCA.
 - He mentioned that the AgSense update to the Irrigation system has been ordered.
 - He shared he burned off the Kernza plots last week.
 - He completed observation well monitoring and had 2 left to complete due to the high level of snow yet.
 - He shared he has 5 pivots signed up for Irrigation Water Management.
 - He shared the truck was brought into Red Horizon for a wiring issue.
 - Kimberly DeMorett, Resource and Outreach Technician (see attached written report)-no verbal report.
 - Nicole Brede, Habitat Resource Specialist (see attached written report)-no verbal report.
 - Status of Appeal Buffer Law-Kovarik shared updates on buffer law enforcement actions.
 - Jeff Hellerman, NRCS-He attended an all-employee meeting for NRCS. HE is working on EQIP 2023. Melissa is working on CRP plans. Cole is working on CSP plans. Their staff has also had training. He mentioned erosion control projects in the works as well.
 - Alexander Fellbaum, FSA CED-He had not a lot new to report. He shared that they are working on environmental reviews. They are getting ready for acre certifications. He attended a corn and soybean grower meeting that had about 35-40 participants on Good Friday.
9. Board Member Meeting Reports
- Randy Pederson-North Fork Watershed IWIP meetings & staff update, Glacial Lakes Trail -No meeting next one will be held over Zoom.
 - Randy Mitteness-Chippewa River Watershed Board & staff update-There was no meeting this month.
 - D. Gary Reents-Sauk River Watershed IWIP Committee meetings & staff update-He shared that he didn't have a meeting recently.
10. Upcoming Meetings:



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5-16-23	Pope SWCD Regular Board Meeting	USDA Service Center Building	7:00 a.m.

- 11. FYI Items-none
- 12. Public Comment-8:25 a.m. Chair Nygaard stated that there would be 15 minutes for the members of the public to address the board. Earl Hauge attended this meeting. Earl had sent a couple of emails in the month of April to staff and board members regarding his violation in Chippewa Falls Township. Based on those emails he started by saying he hit below the belt and gave an apology to Kelly and the board as he did not treat them as respectable human beings. He went on to talk about finding reasonable solutions. Steve Hofstad stated that this board cannot overrule what the law says. If the SWCD Board did this they would be in violation of the law.
- 13. Adjourn-Randy Mitteness made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tom Talle seconded the motion 8:30 a.m.

Keith Nygaard

5-16-23

Randy Pedersen

5-16-23

