



MEETING Minutes

Meeting will be held USDA Service Center at 1680 Franklin Street North, Glenwood, MN 56334
Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am
March 26, 2024

Attendance: Holly Kovarik, Randy Pederson, Keith Nygaard, D. Gary Reents, Kimberly DeMorett, Mason Stewart, Christopher Borash, and Jeff Hellerman

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:08 a.m.
 The agenda was approved by general consensus of the members.

2. Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)-*President.*
 - o *February 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes -note to correct minutes Randy Pederson absent*
 - o *Resolutions-None*

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

- o *Contract/Applications for Approval-*

<u>Number/Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Application \$\$</u>
DNR CPL Grant Phase III Buckthorn project		\$50,000
FY 2024 Pope Swift CWMA Grant Submitted	Cooperative Weed Management Grant	\$15,000
2024-2025 Walk In Access	Walk In Access Grant	\$1,000

- o *Appropriations/Payments-None*

	<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-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 with the correction noted for the minutes. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

3. Commissioner Update-*Paul Gerde-no report*
4. Old Business
 - o Norm Nissen Buffer Enforcement Update was shared with the board. The County has settled with Nissen.
 - o Legislative Days Update was given to the board members. Kovarik, Nygaard, and Reents attended the event.
 - o Area II Meeting Update was shared. It is our turn to host in June.



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- WCTSA Update was shared with the group.
- Irrigation Clinic is scheduled for later in the week and an update will be provided after the event is held.

5. New Business

- Tree Pickup has been discussed for April 26th. Staff are working on making arrangements for tree distribution.
- Preauthorize sign agreement for PF grant awarded-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve Kovarik to sign the agreement when it is ready. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- June 12th Hosting Area II Meeting Minnewaska House-discussion on program-The board and staff discussed highlighting our Buckthorn work in Barsness Park with the City of Glenwood. Kovarik will work with staff to put together the program for this meeting.
- Trailer Purchase Approval-Randy Pederson made a motion to approve the purchase \$4,049.50 for the trailer as described and shared in the packet. D. Gary Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Authorize Amendment Increase Cost Share David Peters project-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve an amendment of \$2,000 for the project out of the same funding. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Glenwood United Parish Well Sealing- Randy Pederson made a motion to approve cost share not to exceed \$500 for this project out of LWM. D. Gary Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Drinking Water Phase II Grant Horizon Public Health-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the partnering for this grant and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- SARE Grant Proposal FY 2025-2027 Application Budget \$24,500 each year-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the application for this grant and our partnering and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Tractor Repair Update was shared with the board and now the Massey will have maintenance completed.

6. Treasurer Report-D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the treasurer report as provided. 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)

7. Reports

- Holly Kovarik, Manager
 - Grant/Program Reporting



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- 2023 WCA Annual Reporting Form D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve the report. Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Draft Strategic Plan Report Received more to come on this as it is reviewed by staff.
 - Lead Contacts Meeting attended.
 - Sauk River Implementation Team Meeting attended.
 - WCTSA Meeting attended.
 - D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve Resolution #01-2024 and Randy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve Resolution #02-2024 and Randy Pedersons seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - D. Gary Reents made a motion to approve Resolution #03-2024 and D. Gary Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. These resolutions were in response to items needing approval for the Sauk River planning partnership.
 - The board discussed CDs and directed Kovarik to look into options.
 - Kimberly DeMorett, Resource and Outreach Technician -see attached report.
 - Nicole Brede, Habitat Resource Specialist-no report
 - Christopher Borash, Conservation Technician -see attached report
 - Mason Stewart, Conservation Technician-see attached report
 - Jeff Hellerman, NRCS-He is working on EQIP and CSP. He shared that Cole started in Alexandria.
 - Alexander Fellbaum, FSA CED-no report
- 8. Board Member Meeting Reports**
- Randy Pederson-North Fork Watershed IWIP meetings & staff update, Glacial Lakes Trail -no report
 - Randy Mitteness-Chippewa River Watershed Board & staff update-no report
 - D. Gary Reents-Sauk River Watershed IWIP Committee meetings & staff update -no report

9. Upcoming Meetings:

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4-16-2024	Pope SWCD Regular Board Meeting	USDA Service Center Building	7:00 a.m.
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- 10. FYI Items
- 11. Public Comment
- 12. Adjourn -Randy Pederson made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 a.m. and D. Gary Reents seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- 13. USDA Listening Session on Programs was held.

Kees Agyard

4-16-24

Randy Pedersen

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