

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 14, 2020
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 74, Warren, Minnesota, January 14, 2020.

Chairman Bengtson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman, Wallace Bengtson
Vice-Chairman, Carl Green
Secretary, Stuart Nordling
Treasurer, Duane Potucek
Public Relations, Brad Berg

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Technical Manager, Danny Thorstad
Programs Manager, Darren Carlson
Administrative Assistant, Janelle Kollin

Re-organization – Motion by Potucek, seconded by Berg to keep positions as they are.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Minutes - Motion by Nordling, seconded by Green to accept the minutes as mailed from the December 17, 2019 board meeting.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Motion by Berg, seconded by Potucek to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Pheasant's Forever – see attached

NRCS Report: Waterworth reported on the following: CSP payments made; CRP questions; CSP/EQIP sign up in the next month; NRCS will now review all bills for CRP cost share approval and FSA will make payments; AWEP – four new applications

Designation of Bank – Motion by Green, seconded by Nordling to designate Bremer Bank as the official bank of the SWCD.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Well Sealing/Buffer Cost Share Verification – Motion by Potucek, seconded by Berg to approve payments under \$1000 can be approved by staff.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Supervisor Compensation/Mileage – Mileage rate for 2020 is .57 ½ cents. Motion by Nordling, seconded by Green to keep compensation rate at \$75.00/meeting.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Cover Crop Grant – Carlson informed the board our grant did not get approved.

One Watershed One Plan – Motion by Potucek, seconded by Green to accept and approve the Thief River Watershed District plan.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Middle/Snake/Tamarac Watershed District Cost Share – Motion by Nordling, seconded by Green to accept and approve cost share contract in the amount of \$29413.60 out of 2017 and 2018 local capacity funds.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

2020 Local Capacity – The SWCD will be receiving \$130,957. Work plan activities were reviewed. Motion by Berg, seconded by Nordling to accept and approve 2020 Local Capacity work plan.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

District Technician Job Description – The job description was passed out and reviewed. Motion by Berg, seconded by Green to approve and send out announcement.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Thorstad reported on the following: newsletter is getting ready to be mailed out; 8000 trees have been ordered from Schumacher's; received a quote from Agassiz seed for CRP grass seed and needs to be approved for NRCS specifications; he will be attending the Red River Basin meeting in Fargo Tuesday-Thursday.

2020 Wages – Motion by Nordling, seconded by Green to keep the wages the same but increase the health insurance to \$700/month for each employee.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Potucek, seconded by Berg to change Darren's title to District Administrator/Program Manager effective January 2020.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the SWCD office.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.

Secretary