MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 74, Warren, Minnesota, May 22, 2019.

Chairman Bengtson called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 Soil Conservationist, Nico Bennett

<u>Minutes</u> - Motion by Berg, seconded by Potucek to accept the minutes as mailed from the April 16, 2019 board meeting.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Motion by Green, seconded by Nordling to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

<u>Pheasant's Forever</u> – see attached report

<u>NRCS Report</u> – Bennett informed on the following: EQIP - 60 applications were taken and should hear in a couple weeks if funded; CSP - 20 applications; CRP signup from June 3 – August 23^{rd} . Civil Rights information was reviewed. Motion by Berg, seconded by Potucek to sign Civil Rights agreement.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

<u>Tree Report</u> – Thorstad reported we received 11,000 trees. Tree pick up days were May 3rd and 4th. There's a couple sites left to plant. We have a few extra trees available.

<u>Drill Program</u> – Started with the haybuster seedings on May 13 and also buffer seedings; Tractor needs the hydraulic lift looked at; the 4 wheeler should be here next week; the drag/packer from BIL in Argyle should be here the first of June. If needed, the SWCD can rent a tractor from Scott Peters at a rate of \$20/acre; Looking to get the Artic Cat ATV running and put up for sale.

<u>2017 Capacity Cost Share</u> – Motion by Green, seconded by Nordling to accept and approve the following cost share:

	Total	75%
Gail Steinhauer – Holt 33 – 4 side water inlets	8524.80	6393.60
Gail Steinhauer – Excel 33 – 3 side water inlets	7017.60	5263.20

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Darren reported he's been out with Jim Hest on surverys.

<u>AgBMP</u> – Carlson reported that people can still apply, however no money is available until funds are repaid.

<u>Buffers</u> – Carlson reported that Lon Aune met with County Commissioners and they want a nice reminder letter concerning the buffer program for people not in compliance.

<u>Envirothon</u> – Kollin informed that letters are sent each year to businesses in the County asking for donations to the Envirothon. This year \$925.00 was donated.

Thorstad reported the new pickup is here.

There was discussion about possibly renting out the haybuster. A contract will need to be developed and that staff should deliver and explain how it operates.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the SWCD office.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Secretary		