

MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 20, 2019
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 74, Warren, Minnesota, August 20, 2019.

Chairman Bengtson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman, Carl Green

Others Present: Technical Manager, Danny Thorstad
Programs Manager, Darren Carlson
Administrative Assistant, Janelle Kollin
Board Conservationist, Matt Fischer

Minutes - Motion by Berg, seconded by Potucek to accept the minutes as mailed from the July 23, 2019 board meeting.

Affirmative: Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative: Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Pheasant's Forever – see attached report

NRCS Report – Staff are at training. The CRP signup is until Friday.

Thorstad reported on the following: July 15-September 1st is the seed window but there could be a possibility of getting an extension; the New Holland tractor is out in the western part of the county and the Peters rental is on the eastern end; Josh Stromlund Wetland Ag Bank was denied by the TEP committee as is. Answered all TEP committee requests and will meet with county commissioners on September 3rd; AIS – should be receiving \$14,496 and wondering about having Curt Quinell doing the promotional information. Last year we paid him \$3000.00.

Capacity Cost Share – Motion by Nordling, seconded by Potucek to approve cost share to Patrick Erickson ENG 17-14 in Excel 33 for 2 side water inlets at a cost of \$6535.20 with 75% cost share being \$4901.40.

Affirmative: Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Potucek, seconded by Berg to approve capacity cost share payment to Steinhauer Farms for 4 side water inlets in Holt – 33 in the amount of \$6393.60 which is 75%.

Affirmative: Nordling, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Russ Iverson in Whiteford, section 11 has a possible buffer program alternative if he installs side water inlet according to NRCS standards and specifications.

It sounds like the County will be sending out last chance letters this fall to be in compliance with the buffer program.

Water Festival – Kollin reported the Water Festival is scheduled for September 24th in Warren and September 26th in Fertile which involves over 600 4th grade students. Kollin informed she wrote a grant to help with the costs of putting on the festival and \$1000 was received.

One Watershed One Plan – Fischer informed that the plan is currently in a 60 day review for public input with a public hearing after October 16th. If approved, money will be readily available for projects to be approved by local policy committee. Staff brings projects forward for approval. Staff will print out Executive Summary to have available at the office for review. There was discussion about possibly housing the coordinator.

Nordling left at 9:10 a.m.

The 2021 local capacity work plan will need to be completed shortly. Staff are to check on liability with culverts possibly with county attorney or MCIT. Possibly add wordage on contracts. There will be quite a few side water inlet installations and new contracts coming up for approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the SWCD office.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Secretary