

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2019  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Vice-Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Vice-Chairman, Carl Green  
Treasurer, Duane Potucek  
Public Relations, Brad Berg

Members Absent: Chairman, Wallace Bengtson  
Secretary, Stuart Nordling

Others Present: Technical Manager, Danny Thorstad  
Programs Manager, Darren Carlson  
Administrative Assistant, Janelle Kollin  
District Conservationist, Matt Waterworth  
Pheasant's Forever, Jill Fejszes  
Middle/Snake/Tamarac WD Administrator, Joel Praska

Minutes - Motion by Berg, seconded by Potucek to accept the minutes as mailed from the October 1, 2019 board meeting.

Affirmative: Green, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative: Green, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Pheasant's Forever – see attached report

NRCS Report – Waterworth reported on the following: CSP payments are being worked on and producers need to provide proof of completion from everyone; a CRP sign-up is going to be in December some time; NRCS is getting two new pickups.

Buffer Cost Share Contract Amendment –Dale Barth Contract MCBCS-60 has an increase from \$1544.40 to \$1976.40 and Contract MCBCS-61 has an increase from \$9446.40 to \$11,174.40. Motion by Potucek, seconded by Berg to accept and approve amendments.

Affirmative: Green, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Joel Praska arrived at 8:40 and left at 9:15 a.m.

Middle/Snake/Tamarac Watershed District Side Water Inlet Project – The project is in Parker township, section 34 on county ditch 3. They are looking to replace failing culverts with new side water inlets. The cost estimate is \$22,060.20 with 75% cost share being \$17,226.12. After much discussion, this item was tabled until a full board could review the project.

Marshall County Cover Crop Grant – Darren informed the board he wrote a grant proposal for producers to sign up 160 acres over a three year period. Payments would be \$25/acre for single species cover crop and \$35/acre for multiple species. The maximum would be 2000 acres of cover crop per year for a total of 6000 over the three-year period. Hope to hear if grant is approved by February.

Cost Share Payment – Motion by Berg, seconded by Potucek to approve cost share payment to Matt Waterworth in New Maine township, section 31 for a total cost of \$10,984.80 with a 75% cost share payment of \$8,238.60.

Affirmative: Green, Potucek and Berg

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

2020 Capacity Work Plan Ideas – The SWCD will be receiving \$100,000 in 2020. The following were discussed to implement in the plan: cost share program, technical assistance, equipment, computers, engineering assistance, well sealing cost share, AgBMP.

One Watershed One Plan – There is a meeting scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> with the Marshall County Commissioners to discuss the plan.

Buffer Letter – Parcels not in compliance will be receiving a letter.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Secretary