

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 16, 2021
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 74, Warren, Minnesota, March 16, 2021.

Green called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman, Carl Green
Vice-Chairman, Brent Miller
Secretary, Duane Potucek

Members Absent: Public Relations, Wallace Bengtson
Treasurer, Brad Berg

Others Present: Programs Manager, Darren Carlson
Administrative Assistant, Janelle Kollin
Technician, Michael Carlson

Minutes - Motion by Potucek, seconded by Miller to accept the minutes as mailed from the February 23, 2021 board meeting.

Affirmative: Green, Miller, and Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative: Green, Miller, and Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Pheasants Forever – see attached

NRCS Report – not available

2018-2019 Capacity Story – This is a breakdown of how the capacity dollars were spent. This was requested by the state legislators.

Red River Valley Conservation Service Area/TSA – Accomplishments were reviewed. It was noted that there is a need for more engineering staff for Pennington, East Polk, Marshall, and Kittson. Also requested was to have a board member attend meetings roughly twice/year. This item was tabled, and Darren was designated to attend meetings. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Side Water Inlet Update – Duane has completed 20 designs and is working on eleven for three landowners. He is having Zack Foley review. Duane can sign off on the projects.

Tree Program – Orders are coming in. The SWCD will have a couple field and farmstead windbreaks to plant this spring and the farmer will drive their tractor. There was discussion since we have two tree planters to rent one out at a rate of \$100/day. The SWCD will keep the minimum planting charge at \$200.00

Drill Program – The repair work is being done. The SWCD can start doing buffers right now but have to wait until May to start planting CRP. There was discussion about renting out the one 10 foot drill until we can start planting CRP. Look into what other SWCD's policy is.

Thief River 1W1P – There is a policy committee meeting next Friday.

Middle/Snake/Tamarac 1W1P – They are in the 60 day comment period.

Personnel – Discussion about hiring an intermittent employee with possibility to full-time position. Discussion about Michael's wages.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the SWCD office.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Secretary