

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 74, Warren, Minnesota, September 16, 2020.

Vice-Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. at the SWCD garage.

Members Present: Vice-Chairman, Carl Green  
Secretary, Stuart Nordling  
Treasurer, Duane Potucek

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

Others Present: Technical Manager, Danny Thorstad  
Programs Manager, Darren Carlson  
Administrative Assistant, Janelle Kollin  
District Conservationist, Matt Waterworth  
District Technician, Michael Carlson  
Pheasant's Forever, Jill Fejszes

Minutes - Motion by Potucek, seconded by Nordling to accept the minutes as mailed from the July 21, 2020 board meeting.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Pheasant's Forever – see attached

NRCS Report – Waterworth reported on the following: working on CRP plans; payments for the year; Kathy Fillmore is now the supervisor for staff in Warren; about 100,000 CRP acres; no rules have changed on COVID.

AIS – The proposal was reviewed from Curt Quinell. Motion by Potucek, seconded by Nordling to accept proposal of \$1750.00 which is one half of previous year.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Capacity Cost Share – Motion by Nordling, seconded by Potucek to approve cost share to the Middle/Snake/Tamarac River Watershed District in the amount of \$14,025.78 for side water inlets in Parker township, section 34.

Affirmative: Green, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

State Cost Share and 2018 Capacity Cost Share – Grants due at the end of this year got extension from BWSR.

There have been quite a few requests for engineering projects. It was discussed about the possibility of using private firms for engineering. Staff to look into private engineering firms.

Drill/Buffer Program – 100 parcels have been completed in four weeks and are now in compliance. The county is sending out letters to those that need to get in compliance.

Middle/Snake/Tamarac Watershed 1W1P – Approval to move forward has been received. Meetings to follow.

Thorstad reported on the following: 400 acres of CRP dormant planting possibly this fall; front tires were replaced on the tractor; an alternative practice was completed for John Nelson's buffer planting.

Budget – Proposed budget is an increase of \$10,000 and will be presented to the commissioners.

Audit – The representation letter to Peterson Company Limited was signed by Green and Carlson.

No reply yet from the Two River Watershed District.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the SWCD garage.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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Secretary