

MINUTES FROM THE MAY 26, 2020
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 74, Warren, Minnesota, May 26, 2020.

Chairman Bengtson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. at the Wallace Bengtson farm in Middle River.

Members Present: Chairman, Wallace Bengtson
Secretary, Stuart Nordling
Treasurer, Duane Potucek

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman, Carl Green
Public Relations, Brad Berg

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

Minutes - Motion by Potucek, seconded by Nordling to accept the minutes as mailed from the February 25, 2020 board meeting.

Affirmative: Bengtson, Nordling and Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative: Bengtson, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

BWSR Report – Fischer reported on the following: With Covid 19, all staff are teleworking with no travel; Thief River 1W1P – all local governments have adopted and the Marshall SWCD needs to; clean water funds are on track to open up for requests this fall; budget forecast for the state is now a deficit but hoping to maintain capacity and a 10% reduction; There is \$530,000 funding available over the next two years through the Thief River Watershed 1W1P for projects.

The Board breakdown was reviewed.

District Technician – Michael Carlson started on April 6th. He has been assisting with trees, seeding and created a Facebook page for the SWCD.

Well Sealing – Carlson informed the board we have 8 well sealing contracts. 50% cost share from the SWCD and the County is giving \$2000 towards cost sharing in 2020.

Supervisor Election – Stuart and Carl are up for re-election. Stuart is not filing. Names were suggested to send letters to potential supervisor candidates.

Trees – Thorstad reported that there is one planting left. There are a few extra trees.

Drill Program – Thorstad reported over 200 acres have been completed with both CRP and buffer plantings being done. He reported that the SWCD is going to sub contract with Richard and Steve Olson to complete Harvey Lambert's 400 acres of CRP.

2018 Marshall SWCD Cost Share – Motion by Nordling, seconded by Potucek, to accept and approve cost share for Rolland Miller in Vega, section nine for three side water inlets with a total cost estimate of \$6177.60 and 75% cost share being \$4633.20.

Affirmative: Bengtson, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Buffer Cost Share – Reed and Vaughn Quern put in three side water inlets two years ago and have failed due to the spring floods of 2019-2020. To be in compliance with MN Buffer Law, the Quern's would like to install a 16.5 foot buffer. Motion by Nordling, seconded by Potucek to provide cost share for the grass buffer strip.

Affirmative: Bengtson, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

State Cost Share – Motion by Potucek, seconded by Nordling to approve cost share to David Stusynski for the trees that were planted in Nelson Park, section 20, once bills and a signed voucher are turned in, from the following years state cost share: 2017 - \$1004.40 and 2018 - \$583.35.

Affirmative: Bengtson, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Thief River 1W1P - Motion by Potucek, seconded by Nordling to adopt and implement the Thief River 1W1P Resolution.

Affirmative: Bengtson, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Cover Crop Policy – Motion by Potucek, seconded by Nordling to adopt and implement the Thief River 1W1P early cover crop policy that is the same as the Pennington SWCD.

Affirmative: Bengtson, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Memorandum of Agreement – Motion by Potucek, seconded by Nordling to adopt and approve the MOA for the Middle/Snake/Tamarac River Watershed 1W1P.

Affirmative: Bengtson, Nordling, Potucek

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at a location to be determined if covid-19 restrictions are still present.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Secretary