

ISANTI SWCD

REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2022 – 8:00 A.M.

Attendance

Present: Al Koczur, Jerry Schaubach, David Medvecky, Valerie Anderson

Staff Present: Tiffany Determan, Linda Gehrking and Todd Kulaf

Others Present: Tom Anderson

Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve Agenda with additional item: 6.f. Pheasants Forever Membership.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Medvecky To approve Agenda with additional item: 6.f. Pheasants Forever Membership.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Tom Anderson did an introduction of himself.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Treasurers Reports: May

b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2022

Motion/Seconded: No motion needed

4. Activity Reports

a. Staff

Determan has been spending a lot of time working on Rum Comprehensive Watershed Plan and organizing Joint Powers Entity Agreement related activities. She is also working on getting the Blue Lake Alum treatment scheduled. Determan attended the quarterly County public ditch authority meeting and requested approving two ditch inspections on ditch 11 and 17 in 2023 as the SWCD plans to complete multi-purpose drainage management plans in 2023 using Rum Watershed Based Implementation Funds. Finally, she coordinated DNR Department meeting to discuss a wetland restoration near Green Lake.

Kulaf working on project development for projects on Spectacle, Blue and Green Lake. He also finished shoreline erosion survey on Skogman Lake. Kulaf will be doing a shoreline restoration Blue Lake workshop in August. Finally, Kulaf will be acting manager while Determan is on family leave.

Remer continuing water monitoring on Oxford, Blue and Skogman Lakes. He has also been having conversations with landowners about cover crops. Remer is also working with Centra Sota to assist customers interested in cost share for cover crops and helping NRCS with CRP site visits and reviews. Finally, Remer is working on coordinating a soil and health day.

Godfrey began assisting Mille Lacs SWCD with social media and website management. She coordinated an AIS event with CLIMB Theater at Cambridge Park, created a volunteer interest form to go on the website, began organizing the annual nature photo contest, and attended a Rotary Club meeting.

Gehrking noted that she provided administrative support to the district. She gave an update on information learned when attending the 2022 SWCD Administrative Session on June 29-30, 2022, in Brainerd.

b. NRCS District Conservationist

Brian Steffen introduced himself. He will be covering for Debra Hermel until her replacement is filled- at least 120 days.

c. Committee Reports

Koczur and Medvecky attended the MASWCD Area IV Summer Meeting and Tour. Tour consisted of 1) storm development 2) A Marsh that was restored 3) wetland restoration and 4) Crow River storm bank.

5. Old Business Items

None.

6. New Business Items

a. Authorize amendment for FY20 Spectacle Lake Clean Water Fund Grant: time extension from Dec. 31 2022 to Dec. 31, 2023.

Determan requested a one-year extension for the purpose of completing construction tasks that have been delayed due to weather and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur To approve amendment for FY20 Spectacle Lake Clean Water Fund Grant: time extension from Dec. 31, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2023.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

b. 2022 Outstanding Conservationist

The board discussed candidates for 2022 Outstanding Conservationist. While a few names came up, the board concurred that an outstanding conservationist does not need to be selected every year. Staff were asked to come to the next meeting with recommendations.

Motion/Seconded: No motion needed

c. Proposed DRAFT 2023 Budget and County Allocation Request

Determan presented the draft 2023 budget and County Allocation Request.

Motion/Seconded Koczur/Medvecky To approve Proposed DRAFT 2023 Budget and County Allocation Request.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

d. Wetland Scoping Agreement with ISG

Determan notified the board of a signed agreement for \$5,350 for engineering services with ISG. She noted the cost will be reimbursed by MCD ETA funds and can also be used as a match to the 319 grant.

Motion/Seconded: No motion needed

e. FY21 State Cost Share and FY20 Capacity Fund Cost-Share Contract: #2022-4 for Critical Area Planting on Blue Lake for \$4,534.20.

Determan reviewed the project to be funded with State Cost Share on Blue Lake. She noted the project will be used as part of a workshop.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur To approve FY21 State Cost Share and FY20 Capacity Fund Cost-Share Contract: #2022-4 for Critical Area Planting on Blue Lake for \$4,534.20.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

f. Pheasants Forever Membership.

Koczur requesting that Isanti SWCD do a \$250 Pheasants Forever Membership.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Medvecky To approve Pheasants Forever Membership.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

7. Approve Payment of Bills

Gehrking reviewed the district expenses. Checks as follows: Check #'s 6988 thru 6996, and check # 5752, direct deposits for staff and Board Supervisors, and all electronically paid bills.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur To approve payment of bills.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

8. Informational/Announcements

a. Board Training- none

b. Program updates/other

c. Approved meetings & events

None.

Meeting/Event	Approved	Date/time
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Treasures Report and Bank Reconciliation Review	Koczur	Monthly
Lower St. Croix Watershed Policy Committee Meeting	Schaubach, Medvecky	July 25 th , 4-6PM
Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Mtg.	Koczur, Schaubach	July 28, 5:00pm
Other:		

9. Adjourn

Motion Schaubach to Adjourn meeting at 9:28.

Board Secretary: Jerome Schaubach Date Aug. 16, 2022