

ISANTI SWCD

REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES 8:00 A.M.

June 21, 2023

Attendance

Present: Al Koczur, Clark Anderson, David Medvecky, Valerie Anderson, Tom Anderson

Staff Present: Tiffany Determan, Linda Gehrking

Others Present: Bill Berg, County Commissioner

1. Approve Agenda

Motion/Seconded Koczur/C. Anderson to approve agenda with additions 5.e.3. FY20 Spec Lake CWF: Contract #2023-6, critical area planting, for \$5,625.00 and 5.f.2 Green Lake 319: Contract #2022-6, for \$1,523.40.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Treasurers Report May 2023

b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May17, 2023

Motion/Seconded: No motion needed.

4. Old Business Items

None

5. New Business Items

a. SWCD State Aid use guidelines

Determan informed us that we are required to put up guidelines for State Aid use on our website. A template was created by our state association. We will be receiving our first ½ allocation in July 2023 and the second half will be received in December 2023. Money will be used to support staff.

Motion/Seconded C. Anderson/Koczur to approve SWCD State Aid use guidelines.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

b. Approve DRAFT 2024 Budget and County Allocation Request.

Determan presented the draft 2024 budget and County Allocation Request.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/T. Anderson to approve Proposed DRAFT 2024 Budget and County Allocation Request.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson
Opposed: None. Motion carried.

c. Authorize Matthew Remer to execute non-structural contracts for Rum WBIF and Soil Health State Cost Share for the remainder of 2023.

Determan mentioned that there is typically a limited time-frame for non-structural contracts. Remer will sign-off on non- structural contracts for Rum WBIF and Soil Health State Cost Share for the remainder of 2023.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur to approve Authorization for Matthew Remer to execute non-structural contracts for Rum WBIF and Soil Health State Cost Share for the remainder of 2023.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson
Opposed: None. Motion carried.

d. Medvecky SWCD Drill storage and maintenance gratuity.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/C. Anderson to approve a drill storage and maintenance gratuity for a \$300 gift card from Fleet Farm for Medvecky.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson
Opposed: None. Motion carried.

e. Contracts:

1. Amend contract #CWF SH 23-01: Reduce no-till acres from 91.1 to 88.7.

Motion/Seconded Koczur/V. Anderson to approve Amend contract #CWF SH 23-01: Reduce no-till acres from 91.1 to 88.7.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson
Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2. Green Lake 319: Contract #2023-5, Shoreline Protection 580, for \$15,800.

Determan noted that this is the location of an existing contract on Green Lake wich was damaged due to unpredictable weather events. The engineer recommended that we use hard armor along with vegetation. A new contract needs to be signed with the landowner to move forward with this project. Contractor would have to come in with a barge this winter.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur to approve Green Lake 319: Contract #2023-5, Shoreline Protection 580, for \$15,800.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson
Opposed: None. Motion carried.

3. FY20 Spec Lake CWF: Contract #2023-6, critical area planting, for \$5,625.00.

Determan reviewed the Spectacle Lake hillside stabilization. The project consists of a native planting covering 1,250 ft. 25% is landowner responsibility.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/T. Anderson to approve FY20 Spec Lake CWF: Contract #2023-6, critical area planting, for \$5,625.00.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

f. Payments:

1. Contract #CWF SH 23-01, no-till, 88.7 acres for \$5,322.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur to approve Contract #CWF SH 23-01, no-till, 88.7 acres for \$5,322.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2. Green Lake 319: Contract #2022-6, for \$1,523.40.

Motion/Seconded Koczur/C. Anderson to approve Green Lake 319: Contract #2022-6, for \$1,523.40.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

6. Approve Payment of Bills

Gehrking reviewed the district expenses. Checks as follows: Check #'s 7078 through 7087 and direct deposits for staff, and all electronically paid bills.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/T. Anderson to approve payment of bills.

Affirmative: Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

7. Reports

a. Staff

Determan checked into CD rates with First Bank & Trust, and they said that because it is public funds the SWCD would not get 4% rate on CDs, we would get 1.5%. Determan will be checking with other SWCDs to see what bank they use and interest rates on CDs they are receiving. If we meet with another bank and they will give us the 4% rate on CDs, we are to get a letter stating that information in a letter from that bank. First Bank & Trust will make sure they discuss with a higher-up bank employee to see if they can make an exception so we will not have to switch banks hopefully.

Determan reported on the Rum River Easements (RIM). Remer puts many hours into the RIM Easement project and BWSR only gives \$2,000 per easement. Determan contacted Penning (BWSR staff) to let him know of the issue which is common to other partners. If BWSR pays us

money to hire another staff to do RIM easements it would allow us to do more. Penning response was positive and said BWSR is currently having discussions regarding the issue. Determan is to write something in a letter, and it will be discussed with their board.

Remer spending a lot of time on NRCS federal projects.

Determan was asked to present at BWSR's Academy. Determan will be presenting on formal partnerships – Blue Lake.

County Commissioners appointed Determan as metropolitan advisory by governor. She will be attending the meeting on August 8th. Meetings are 4x a year and Determan will not get paid for doing this.

Lastly, Determan met with 2 landowners regarding Krans Lake. Determan gave them some guidance options that are available.

Gehrking noted that she provided administrative support as usual. Gehrking went over NCPERS Public Employee Financial Protection Plan's Group Term Life Insurance Program.

b. NRCS District Conservationist

Steffen coordinated Local Work Group meeting. This year, producers renewed 2,600 CSP contracts covering 3.4 million acres. Bob Tullgren is the new forester for NRCS.

c. Committee Reports

Koczur attended the Rum River Watershed Partnership Implementation Planning Committee meeting. Discussion were focused at project funding approvals. Koczur also attended the MASWCD Area IV meeting. There was discussion regarding increased funding from the Inflation Reduction Act. Finally, Koczur attended the local work group meeting to help prioritize the use of federal funding.

d. Commissioner Report

Berg mentioned that the second half payments for FY23 Soil and Water was approved. Berg also noted the board is having discussions regarding the 2024 budget. He also noted that the Board of Commissioners chose to offer Josi Woods the position as Isanti County Administrator. She will replace Julia Lines. Woods came back with a counteroffer. There will be a meeting held to discuss Woods counteroffer.


8. Information/Announcements

a. Approved meetings & events

Meeting/Event	Approved	Date/time
Treasures Report and Bank Reconciliation Review	Koczur	Monthly
RRWP Board Meeting	Koczur, V. Anderson	June 22 nd , 4:30-6:30PM
LSC Workshop on the Water	Koczur/V. Anderson/ T. Anderson/Medvecky	June 27 th , 5-7PM

9. Adjourn

Motion Medvecky to Adjourn meeting at 9:48

Board Secretary:  Date 7.19, 2023