

ISANTI SWCD

REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2022 - 8:03 A.M.

Attendance

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

Staff Present: Tiffany Determan and Lydia Godfrey. Todd Kulaf and Matthew Remer came in to give oral staff reports.

Others Present: None

1. **Approve Agenda with additions:** 6.e. Remer Midterm Evaluation Outcome; 6.f. Snake River Policy Discussion and 6.g. Spectacle Lake Grant Contract for Miller Rain Gardens.

Motion/Seconded Koczur/Medvecky To approve Agenda with added items: 6.e. Remer Midterm Evaluation Outcome; 6.f. Snake River Policy Discussion and 6.g. Spectacle Lake Grant Contract for Miller Rain Gardens.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2. **Public Comment**

None.

3. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Treasurers Reports: April & May**

- b. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2022**

Motion/Seconded Medvecky/Schaubach To approve Consent Agenda.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

4. **Activity Reports**

- a. **Staff**

Tiffany Determan is working to prepare for the alum treatment on Blue Lake including getting out bid documents and figuring out the staging. She hopes at June meeting the SWCD will be able to select a contractor. Tiffany also attended a GLID planning meeting. She also dedicated time to the Rum River Watershed Plan and presented it to the BWSR central region committee. At the next board meeting the SWCD will enter the JPA and adopt the plan.

Remer did a Green Lake site visit and is hoping to get cover crops on that site. He did another site visit for Brady Mullen. He also spent time on the tree sale, drill rental work, buckthorn removal, and trainings about NRCS seeding. Remer is working with volunteer water monitoring program and working on the Rum RIM program.

Kulaf answering more conservation inquiries since the storms have caused people along lakes to notice issues on their land. He is doing more site visits and technical assessments for projects. Kulaf is working with BLID on workshop to teach simple shoreline restorations.

Godfrey spent time on a few different presentations this past month. She presented alum outreach at a BLID meeting, talked about major SWCD projects at an all the Townships Meeting, and provided an update to ICCOLA. Godfrey also did AIS outreach and worked with CLIMB theater. She created a phosphorus reduction brochure and distributed it to our lake groups.

Gehrking spent time preparing for the tree sale. The sale went well. This year, the trees were smaller, and prices were higher, but people did not express anger. The profit was \$6,815.72.

b. NRCS District Conservationist

They posted job for person that will be a Soil Technician in our office. The position will reopen.

c. Committee Reports

Koczur attended the Rum River Policy meeting in April. At the meeting, they talked a lot about the Anoka Dam comments. The DNR wanted certain language in the plan and the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization group didn't agree with. The Policy Committee added the DNR requested language to the document. There was also discussion about using an executive committee to make monthly decisions during meetings. The decision went back to the lawyers for advice. A possible solution will be project sign up periods.

Schaubach attended the Lower St. Croix 1W1P Meeting. Washington county wanted to do a major project, but they decided not to do it at this time. The Isanti SWCD is eligible for money from the 1W1P to do soil health projects.

5. Old Business Items

a. Authorize payments for projects

- 1. Sunram Construction for Tiger Street Basins Enhancements, final 10% from FY18 Blue Lake Clean Water Fund for \$867.50.**

Motion/Seconded Koczur/Medvecky To approve Authorize payments for projects Sunram Construction for Tiger Street Basins Enhancements, final 10% from FY18 Blue Lake Clean Water Fund for \$867.50.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

6. New Business Items

a. Approve LSC 2022-2023 Annual Plan of Work

The board trusts LSC fully discussed the Annual Plan of Work.

Motion/Seconded Anderson/ Koczur To approve LSC 2022-2023 Annual Plan of Work.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

b. Call for MASWCD Resolutions

SWCDs have until July 21st to develop a resolution. Medvecky had a resolution item for discussion in 2023. This idea has to do with taxing rate changes if a landowner has the minimum 10 acres of ag land and wants to convert it into CRP. Determan will investigate existing and past resolutions to see if there has been any similar ones in the past.

c. ACD Rum River Stabilization Support

Anoka Conservation District is applying for a grant along the Rum River that will be habitat driven, and address stabilization. ACD is asking if we will sign a letter of support that they can send along with their grant application. Tiffany met with them to discuss possibility of doing a joint grant. She suggests the SWCD not take a large role in applying the grant but would support ACD in their work.

Motion/Seconded Medvecky/ Koczur To support ACD Rum River Stabilization Support.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

d. County AIS Funds: CLIMB Theater 2022 Contract for Services for \$2,400

Motion/Seconded Anderson/ Koczur To approve County AIS Funds: CLIMB Theater 2022 Contract for Services for \$2,400.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

e. Remer midterm evaluation outcome

Personnel committee recommends increasing Remers hourly pay rate from \$23.48 to \$24.40.

Motion/Seconded Anderson/ Koczur To approve Remer midterm evaluation outcome.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

f. Snake River

The snake river watershed is in the process of approving their plan and will form an entity as well. The watershed asked is the SWCD would like to be a part of the entity or be involved in the discussions. The Snake River Watershed is an exceedingly small portion of Isanti County, so the SWCD opted not to be in the plan.

Motion/Seconded Anderson/ Koczur To not participate in Snake River Watershed discussions, but instead to stay informed and remain open to future collaboration.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

g. Spectacle Lake Grant and Miller Rain Garden

Karen Miller will install two rain gardens on her property. This project will be paid for with the Spectacle Lake Grant. The cost-benefit is \$700 per pound of phosphorus, which considering inflation is considered a good project.

Motion/Seconded Koczur/Anderson To approve payment of \$4,514.76 from CWF20 Spec Lake.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

7. Approve Payment of Bills

Determan reviewed the district expenses. Checks as follows: Check #'s 6965 thru 6973, direct deposits for staff, and all electronically paid bills.

Motion/Seconded Anderson/ Medvecky To approve payment of the bills.

Affirmative: Koczur, Schaubach, Medvecky, V. Anderson

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

8. Informational/Announcements

a. **Board Training:** CD 16 and 23 Multi-purpose Drainage Management Plan overview. Determan reviewed some of the results found in the ditch inspections, and reviewed the Multi-purpose Drainage Management Plan.

b. **Program updates/other:**

c. **Approved meetings & events**

Meeting/Event	Approved	Date/time
Treasures Report and Bank Reconciliation Review	Koczur	Monthly
CD 16 and 23 Public Meeting	all	June 15, 6:30
Rum River Policy Committee	Koczur, Schaubach	June 23, 5:00pm
MASWCD Area IV Meeting and Tour		June 23, 9:00am
Other:		

9. Adjourn

Motion Schaubach to Adjourn meeting at 10:38.

Board Secretary:  Date 6.21, 2022