

ISANTI SWCD

**REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES 8:00 A.M.
November 15, 2023**

Attendance

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

Board Members not Present: Tom Anderson

Staff Present: Tiffany Determan, Linda Gehrking

Others Present: Bill Berg, County Commissioner

Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. Approve Agenda with addition to Old Business 4.a.2. FY23 and FY24 State Cost Share for payment to Thomas Dewall in the amount of \$422.50 for well sealing.**

Motion/Seconded Koczur/C. Anderson to approve Agenda with addition 4.a.2. FY23 and FY24 State Cost Share for payment to Thomas Dewall in the amount of \$422.50 for well sealing.

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

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **Treasurers Report October 2023**
- b. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2023**

Motion/Seconded: No motion needed.

4. Old Business Items

a. Payments

- 1. Cargill Grant: 2021-3, C. Bjorklund, 3 of 3 payment for multi-species cover crops on 100 acres for \$4,500.**
- 2. FY23 and FY24 State Cost Share for payment to Thomas Dewall in the amount of \$422.50 for well sealing; FY23 \$179.55 & FY24 \$242.95.**

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur to approve Cargill Grant: 2021-3, C. Bjorklund, 3 of 3 payment for multi-species cover crops on 100 acres for \$4,500 and FY23 and FY24 State Cost Share for payment to Thomas Dewall in the amount as stated above for a total of \$422.50 for well sealing.

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

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

5. New Business Items

a. Approve Lower St. Croix 2024 Annual Plan of Work

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur to approve Lower St. Croix 2024 Annual Plan of Work.

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

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

b. Authorize John Riens, USFWS Job Approval Authority for Design and Construction oversight of Wetland Restorations

Isanti SWCD Staff does not have job authority to design wetlands. Fish and Wildlife will do job authority of wetland at no direct cost to the District.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur to approve John Riens, USFWS Job Approval Authority for Design and Construction oversight of Wetland Restorations.

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

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

c. Grant closeouts: FY20 CWF Spec Lake, FY21 Capacity, FY21 Buffers

No Motion Needed

d. BWSR Soil Health Capacity and Delivery Funding

Determan noted there is significant funding coming from the State and Federal government for soil Health. She went on to note that there is currently a request for proposals from BWSR to enhance capacity (i.e. hire new staff). Determan indicated she is having conversations with Chisago & Washington SWCDs as well as Mille Lacs and Anoka SWCDs regarding shared, new staff.

Motion/Seconded V. Anderson/Koczur to give Determan the authority to determine the best route to enhance capacity for soil health.

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

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

e. BWSR Performance Assistance Program Assistance Grant (PRAP)

Determan noted there is up to \$10,000 of grant funding available through BWSR to improve SWCD operating performance. The grant activities typically include facilitation, mediation or consulting services related to organizational improvement activities such as reorganizations/mergers, strategic planning, organizational development, benchmarking, audits, and staff and board capacity assessments. Determan noted the match requirement is 50% and she plans to apply for funds to one or more of the following: 1) update the strategic plan; conduct and updated classification and compensation study and 3) update SWCD policy handbook. \

Motion/Seconded Koczur/ V. Anderson to authorize Determan to apply for the PRAP grant.

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

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

6. Approve Payment of Bills

Gehrking reviewed the district expenses. Checks as follows: Check #'s 7134 through 7142 and all electronically paid bills.

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

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

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

7. Reports

a. Staff

Determan mentioned she has been talking with The Nature Conservancy regarding partnership to build a program aimed at implementing prairie strips in the Rum River Watershed. She noted the funds can support staff and installation. TNC will select one partner to move forward with on the program. Determan also mentioned the MN Pollution Control Agency will be conducting intensive watershed monitoring in the Rum River Watershed in 2024-2025. She plans to apply for funds to reimburse staff and lab expenses for the SWCD to complete the monitoring. Determan went on to give the board an update on the MASWCD Human Resources sub-committee. She pointed out that the SWCD should be spending more time and funding on human resources/management related items such as policy updates, updated job descriptions, and compensation studies. Finally, Determan gave an update on the A1-Tire rezoning Planning commission request.

Gehrking noted that she provided administrative support as usual.

b. NRCS District Conservationist

None

c. Committee Reports

MASWCD Fall Meeting: Koczur and V. Anderson attended. There was discussion regarding the State Envirothon. Determan explained the program to the board. There was also significant discussion regarding new funding available to SWCDs.

d. Commissioner Report

Berg updated the board on the County Comprehensive Plan, the County Ditch 16 redetermination of benefits process, and the County Administrator position status.

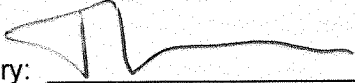
8. Information/Announcements

a. Approved meetings & events

Meeting/Event	Approved	Date/time
Treasures Report and Bank Reconciliation Review	Koczur	Monthly
Personnel Committee meeting	C. Anderson, Medvecky	December 14 th at 8:00
Finance Committee	Koczur, V. Anderson	November
Operations Committee	C. Anderson, V. Anderson	TBD
Metro Conservation District	Koczur	November 15 th
RRWP IPC meeting	Koczur	November 20 th

9. Adjourn

Medvecky to Adjourn the meeting at 9:27.

Board Secretary:  Date 12/20, 2023