



MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on July 17, 2018.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Ron Dilley, Doug Hanson, Terry Schaefer, and Brandon Smith. Also present were Ellie Dittes, Conservation Technician, Rick Reimer, District Manager, Sandy Laumer, Office Coordinator, Melanie Dickman, NRCS District Conservationist, Laura Merten, Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist, and Heidi Rauenhorst, Hawk Creek Watershed Coordinator. Absent Youngkrantz.

Chairman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Schaefer entered the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Vouchers were prepared.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Hanson, second by Dilley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 19, 2018. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Schaefer, and Smith. Motion carried.

Hanson read through the bills for reviewal and payments and presented the Treasurer's Report. An error was found in the Treasurer's report and Laumer made the correction. Motion by Dilley, second by Schaefer to approve the corrected Treasurer's Report and pay outstanding bills as listed in the agenda. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Schaefer, and Smith. Motion carried.

Rauenhorst entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Rauenhorst, Hawk Creek Coordinator reported on the following: Chippewa, Kandiyohi, and Renville Counties will be involved in 1W1P and Nicollet and Sibley Counties have opted out; submitted RFP in June; discussion on Hawk Creek funding sources; busy getting BMP's on the ground and monitoring; and will be having a cover crop field day.

Rauenhorst left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Motion by Hanson, second by Dilley to approve the following buffer cost share contracts:

BC 33FY18 Bruce Standfuss for \$201

BC 34FY18 Curtis Johnson for \$83

BC 35FY18 John Erickson for \$137

BC 36FY18 James Erickson for \$60

BC 37FY18 Jeff Pagel for \$78
BC 38FY18 David Landin for \$197
BC 39FY18 Fixsen Farms one for \$380
BC 40FY18 Fixsen Farms two for \$2,516
BC 41FY18 Ron Marcus for \$548
BC 42FY18 Marlyn Tebben for \$929
BC 43FY18 Freese Farms for \$370
BC 44FY18 Jay Bosch for \$300
BC 45FY18 Dan Ohden for \$300

Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Schaefer, and Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Schaefer, second by Dilley to pay the following buffer cost share contracts:

BC 1FY18 Harold Post for \$71
BC 11FY18 Donald Boll for \$395
BC 8FY18 Janice Beyerl for \$741
BC 9FY18 Russell Sietsma for \$477
BC 14FY18 Loren Carlson for \$638
BC 27FY18 Gerald Peterson for \$150

Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Schaefer, and Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Schaefer to approve Kandi Creek Streambank Project KC 2FY16 Travis Bonnema in the amount of \$32,296. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Schaefer, and Smith. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the booth for the Kandiyohi County Fair including a work schedule, display ideas, and drawing for a rain barrel.

Motion by Hanson, second by Schaefer to approve the purchase of promo items in the amount of \$1,200. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Schaefer, and Smith. Motion carried.

Reimer's Managers Report included: attended Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) meeting; working with landowner and contractors on Kandi Creek projects; 7 lakeshore visits; attended Ag Drainage Seminar in Mankato; attended Area 2 meeting; Chippewa/SWCD/NRCS Watershed Conservation Planning Initiative; attending SWCD Managers meeting July 24-25 in St Cloud; have Tillage and Soil Health meeting in Benson July 19; meeting with DNR to discuss Halvorson stop log control; had meeting with County on the 2019 Budget; attended 1W1P meeting with Hanson; working on various WCA applications; attended Willmar Lakes Public meeting; working on possible grant with City of Willmar for storm water project; wrote letter to support NRCS Reorganization; handout about SWCD Capacity matching grants; and Friday attending Chippewa meeting and discussing Toov project.

Motion by Hanson, second by Dilley to approve letter to support NRCS Reorganization. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Schaefer, and Smith. Motion carried.

Dittes staff report included: working on field checks; attended Ag Drainage training in Mankato and Zimmerman; attending Conservation Planning Course in St Cloud; attending Soil Health Day in Redwood

and Benson; attended Area 2 meeting; shared BWSR article highlighted Kandiyohi County Buffer work; working on buffer cost share; discussed getting a new SWCD shirt; and county is 99% complaint with buffer law.

Hanson left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Motion by Schaefer, second by Dilley to approve laptop policy for policy handbook. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Schaefer, and Smith. Motion carried.

Laumer's staff report included: all funds spent in 2016 SWCD Capacity grant; attended Area 2 meeting and next meeting will be on September 19 in Albany; attended Admin session and listed different sessions; grants reconciliation for 2017 Capacity grant will be August 16, staff training will be August 7 from 9-12, and Dilley will attend staff meeting on August 7 at 8 a.m.

Dickman and Merten entered the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Dickman's NRCS Report included: discussion on upcoming Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) projects; have 16 new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) tree plantings and 8 butterfly habitat seedings in spring 2019; awaiting 21 certified wetland determinations; working on Otteson and Blank wetland restoration; and discussed conservation tour with board and staff next month after board meeting.

Discussion was held about having a conservation tour in August for staff and board members which included: tour will be after board meeting in August and box lunch will be provided for those able to attend and different sites and a time frame for tour were discussed.

Merten's CRP report included: working on re-enrollments; sign up is through August 17; and conservation plans are due September 9.

Dickman and Merten left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Motion by Schaefer, second by Dilley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Terry Schaefer 8-21-18
Terry Schaefer, Secretary Date