



**MINNESOTA
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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in the Kandiyohi SWCD Shed.

Chairperson Youngkrantz called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Ron Dilley, Doug Hanson, Brandon Smith, Donnel Williamson, and Jane Youngkrantz. Also present were Sandy Laumer, Office Manager, Ryan Peterson, RIM Coordinator, and Rick Reimer, District Administrator.

Chairperson Youngkrantz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vouchers were prepared.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Dilley, second by Hanson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 18, 2020. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Smith read through the bills for reviewal and payments and presented the Treasurer's Report and Outstanding Bills as listed in the agenda. A motion was made by Williamson, second by Hanson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Dickman's written NRCS report included: one Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract left to obligate and producers need to turn CSP paperwork in before September 15th; last payment for Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) construction/mowing/seeding was sent to State Office; MOA needs to be approved first and then next year we can start the cooperative agreements; may get Dan Jarosz back as Soil Conservationist on October 1st; and gave suggestions for new Soil Conservationist to Jon Matz.

Reimer led discussion on the signs which included: he will be meeting with family on sign for Hwy 23 and he located the old sign on Hwy 40 and Chippewa SWCD is on the other side.

Discussion on the newsletter was held which included: staff is going to discuss article topics at the staff meeting tomorrow; Youngkrantz sent article on Hugh Bennett to staff and they will look into summarizing it or she will follow up on article; Hanson suggested having a checklist on types of projects available and interested landowners can fill it out and send it back; and staff will get a couple of bids for newsletter.

The Quarterly Review of the Annual Plan was reviewed.

Discussion was held on the Water Plan Funds which included: Laumer will separate the funds by year on the Treasurer's report and staff will talk to different agencies and let them know of funds available.

Motion by Hanson, second by Smith to approve the 2019 Audit. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Dilley, Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Reimer's District Administrator report included: had 3 Hawk Creek meetings; Chippewa WRAPS meeting; North Fork Technical meeting; had zoom meetings on Irrigation Implementing Innovative Practices, RCPP, and NRCS; Zoom meeting for Bonanza Valley Ground Water; AIS meeting; staff meeting; City of Willmar Parks meeting; 4 windbreak visits; 4 shoreline visits; met with DNR on Lake Lillian lake access; proposal for lake shore on Lake Andrew; Shakopee Creek stream restoration survey; and working on WCA banking project.

Peterson entered the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Peterson's staff report included: designed rain garden and prairie restoration signs; working on 2020 RIM spot checks and ownership changes; worked with BWSR on spotlight article on Grass Lake; four wheeler has been repaired; Iverson Grassland Reserve application has been sent to BWSR; discovered new weed species called Astragalus cicer (Chickpea Milk-vetch); completed 2 CREP application cultural resource reviews; and working on getting contractors information and bids for various projects.

Peterson left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Dittes's written staff report included: have 2 new landowners certified through Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) and have more landowners interested; continuing to work on buffer checks; attended Hawk Creek Policy meeting; working on newspaper article ideas; and working on Outstanding Conservationist article and will send it to the newspaper when completed.

Laumer's staff report included: 2019 Buffer Implementation funds have been spend and need signature on Final Financial Report to close out grant; should be receiving more funds in 2021 for Buffer Implementation but will be 14% less; 2021 Estimated MCIT invoice and for Property/Casualty \$4,526 and Workers comp will be \$3,774 which is an increase; signed up for MCIT Risk Management webinars; signing up for BWSR Budget webinar training and BWSR Academy.

Hanson's Supervisor Report included: North Fork Agreement has now passed; projects over \$50,000 must be approved by the board; and Wright County is the fiscal agent.

Smith reported he attended a Hawk Creek Policy meeting.

Williamson reported that there are CARE funds available for COVID expenses and Laumer will look into funds for tablets or laptops for supervisors.

Chairperson Youngkrantz discussed she has been in contact with Meeker County and talked with them about their strategic planning and shared services. After the discussion the board decided they would like to move forward with strategic planning.

Discussion was held on where to hold future board meeting till we can meet in the office again and staff will contact the County and find out if their meeting rooms are available.

Motion by Hanson, second by Smith to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Ronald Dilley 10/20/20
Ron Dilley, Secretary Date