



MINNESOTA SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the May 12, 2016 Board Meeting Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Fairmont, Minnesota

Meeting called to order by Ask at 9:00 am

The Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Tyler Ask – Chair, Clair Schmidt Jr. – Vice Chair, Darwin Roberts – Member, Judy Beckman – Member

Absent: Linda Meschke – Member

Others present: Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Rich Perrine – WCA Technician, Greg Johanson – Farm Bill Technician, Bridgett Winkels – MAWQCP, Steve Flohrs – Commissioner, Dustin Benes – Technician.

Additions to the Agenda

None

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the April 14, 2016 Secretary's Report, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roberts to approve the April 25, 2016 Secretary's Report, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills to Pay

Stop payment for a lost check to Ray Davison, charge for stop payment of \$15.00, reissue new check.

Fair Booth charge of \$450.00, \$50.00 reimbursed if you stay until Sunday 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Beckman to stop payment on Ray Davison's lost check, and approve payment for booth at Martin County Fair, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Programs

Cost-Share Programs

State Cost-Share

Completed Projects

CS #17-14 Danny Krome Well Sealing

Project Bid Amount: \$800.00

Cost-Share Requested: \$400.00

Eligible Project Cost: \$800.00

Cost-Share Due: \$400.00

A motion was made by Roberts to approve payment of \$400.00 for CS #17-14, second by Beckman.

Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Programs

Flood Phase 3 Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Roberts to approve the Flood Phase 3 Grant Agreement in the amount of \$118,750, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Easement Implementation Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the Easement Implementation Grant Amendment of \$2,000.00 for a finalized RIM Easement, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Outreach Coordinator Position

A motion was made by Beckman to offer the Outreach Coordinator position to Jesse Walters with a pay of Grade 10, Step 1, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roberts to offer the position to candidate #2 if Jesse declines, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roberts to purchase a computer, software programs, and technical services for new position, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

MASWCD Resolutions

No new Resolutions for 2016

Supervisor Filings

District 1 and District 3 will be open, filings are open May 17 – May 31.

Buffers

SWCD staff have been working with Drainage Authority to comment on the DNR draft buffer maps. A public meeting about buffers will be held 6:30 pm on June 20th at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Seasonal Staff/Independent Contractors

A motion was made by Roberts to approve contract with Gerald Lorenz for plant propagation and seed harvest, up to 150 hours, CAP at \$5,000.00; second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Fairmont Lakes Foundation Grant Application

A motion was made by Roberts to approve partnering with the Fairmont Lakes Foundation on the Dutch Creek project grant application, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

FY2017 Farm Bill Assistant

A motion was made by Roberts to approve FY2017 application for Farm Bill Assistant, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

East Fork Des Moines Contribution Agreement

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve Contribution Agreement with Jackson SWCD, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

MAWQCP (Certainty Program)

Winkels' gave an update about the Certainty Program.

Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)

Perrine gave an update on the CWMA program. A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the plan and budget, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Special Meetings

Beckman gave an update on an upcoming online meeting, Soil Sisters. There will also be a Women Caring for the Land Meeting on May 24.
Area VI meeting will be Wednesday June 15, at 9:30 in Winthrop, admittance cost is \$17.

County Commissioner Report – Flohrs

Currently working on the Budget.

District Conservationist Report

Reggie Liddell transferred to Mankato. Cottrell is Acting DC.

District Manager Report – Brenke (See handout)

A motion was made by Roberts to add Tyler Ask to the State Bank of Fairmont and Profinium Financial accounts and remove Roberts, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Plan Advisory Committee – Beckman

Next meeting will be June 23.

Water Plan/WCA Report – Perrine

TEP panel meeting will be Monday, May 16 to review two projects for Wetland Banking.

SCTSA – Schmidt

No meeting

GBERBA

Next policy meeting is May 13 at 1:00 pm, and the next Technical meeting is May 25.

Adjourn

Motion by Beckman, second by Schmidt to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

Respectfully submitted,

_____ Date Approved _____ Secretary-Treasurer