



**MINNESOTA
SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

*Minutes of the August 9, 2018 Board Meeting
Martin Soil and Water Conservation District
Fairmont, Minnesota*

Meeting called to order by Beckman at 9:00 am

The Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Judy Beckman – Chair, Larry Cowing – Vice Chair, Linda Meschke – Member, and Tyler Ask – Member

Absent: Clair Schmidt – member

Others present: Steve Flohrs – County Commissioner Liaison, Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Jesse Walters – Outreach Coordinator, Greg Johanson – Farm Bill Technician, Betsy Norland – District Conservationist, Rich Perrine – Water Plan/WCA Technician, and Dustin Benes – Technician

Changes or Additions to Agenda

None

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the July 12, 2018 Secretary's Report, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Approval to transfer \$50,000.00 to checking account, if needed.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the Treasurer's Report and transfer approval, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills to Pay

No additional bills

Update on safety equipment

Get quotes for First Aid Kits for the next Board meeting. Check with the County to see if we can attend training with them.

Cost-Share Programs

State Cost-Share

Amendment

CS #25-16 Sara Zimmerman
Township: Fox Lake
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$935.00
Cost Share Requested: \$467.00
Cost Amendment: \$533.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve \$533.00 amendment for CS #25-16, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Completed projects

CS #25-16-1 Sara Zimmerman
Township: Fox Lake
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$2,057.50
Cost Share Requested: \$1,000.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$2,057.50
Cost Share Due: \$1,000.00

A motion was made by Ask to approve payment of \$1,000.00 for CS #25-16-1, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

New Project

CS #26-16 Loren Schoewe
Township: Galena
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,220.00
Cost Share Requested: \$ 610.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$610.00 for CS #26-16, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #27-16 Kathryn Hanna
Township: Rutland
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$972.50
Cost Share Requested: \$486.00

A motion was made by Ask to encumber \$486.00 for CS #27-16, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #28-16 Richard Findley
Township: Center Creek
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,725.00
Cost Share Requested: \$ 862.00

A motion was made by Cowing to encumber \$862.00 for CS #28-16, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Programs

Farm Bill Technician

The grant agreement for the Farm Bill Technician was received.

Old Business

Watershed Conservation Planner

Once the grant agreement is signed, the job announcement will be posted. The timeline to hire a Blue Earth Watershed Conservation Planner is short. .

A motion was made by Meschke to proceed with the job announcement as soon as the contract is signed, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Clean Water Fund FY19 Applications

An application for Dutch Creek Watershed and the Fairmont Chain of Lakes is being proposed. Total amount of the grant is \$210,000.00 for Grassed Waterways, Water and Sediment Control Basins, and Treatment Wetlands. A second application in the amount of \$10,000.00 is proposed for Well Sealing. Deadlines for the applications is August 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Ask to submit the Clean Water Fund FY19 Applications, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Martin County Fair

Martin County Fair is next week. Signup sheet was passed around.

New Business

MASWCD Awards/Outstanding Conservationist

A motion was made by Meschke to nominate Gerald Lorenz for the Outstanding Conservationist Award, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Awareness Day

The date for EAD is September 18, held at Heritage Acres. All Martin County Fifth grade students will be invited. Heritage Acres rental is \$200 plus \$175 Deposit. Raptor center cost is \$1,063.00. Purchase t-shirts with AIS message for all students.

A motion was made by Ask to approve payments and ordering t-shirts for Environmental Awareness Day, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Special Meetings

One Stop Shop – Beckman, Norland, & Brenke

Attended a workshop titled One Stop Shop by NRCS.

Conservation Alliance Meeting – Beckman

Conservation groups attended were DU, PF, FLCL, and MCCC. Discussed land acquisitions happening in Martin County.

County Commissioner Report – Flohrs

Gave an update and shared information about a recent tour he was on reviewing electricity generation and transfer in the state.

District Manager Report - Brenke

See handout.

District Conservationist – Norland

See handout.

Water Plan/WCA Report

Next meeting will be at the Fairmont Water Plant on September 27 at 7:00 pm.

GBERBA – Meschke

Attended the GBERBA Joint Policy and Technical Committees meeting in July. The focus of the meeting was drainage issues.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Meschke to adjourn the meeting, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

_____ Date Approved _____ Secretary-Treasurer