



**MINNESOTA
SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

*Minutes of the March 8, 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,
Tyler Ask – Member, and Clair Schmidt Jr. – Member

Others present: Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Steve Flohrs – County Commissioner
Liaison, Betsy Norland – District Conservationist, Greg Johanson – Farm Bill
Technician, and Dustin Benes – Technician

Additions to Agenda

New Business

Aerial Review for CREP

Sedges of MN Workshop

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the Additions to the Agenda, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

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

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the updated Program Summaries, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Bills to Pay

State Auditor bill for \$110.00.

A motion was made by Ask to approve payment of \$110.00 for the State Auditor, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Programs

Cost-Share Programs

State Cost-Share

Completed Projects

CS #23-17 Troy Olson 1
Township: Fox Lake
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$500.00
Cost Share Requested: \$250.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$500.00
Cost Share Due: \$250.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve payment of \$250.00 for CS #23-17, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #24-17 Troy Olson 2
Township: Fox Lake
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$500.00
Cost Share Requested: \$250.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$500.00
Cost Share Due: \$250.00

A motion was made by Ask to approve payment of \$250.00 for CS #24-17, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program

Completed Project

Certification Krusemark Farms
Cost Share Due: \$300.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the incentive payment of \$300.00, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Buffer Cost Share

Pre-approved

BCS #14-18 Phyllis Krueger
Township: Waverly
Project: Buffer
Project Bid Amount: \$300.00
Cost Share Requested: \$300.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve encumbering \$300.00 for BCS #14-18, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Programs

Capacity Grant Amendment

An additional \$6,000.00 was given for our Capacity grant, matched dollar for dollar by Martin County. These funds will be used for projects.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the Capacity Grant Amendment, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Blue Earth Watershed Elected Officials meeting March 14

A special event for elected officials on Watershed Restoration and Protection in the Blue Earth River Watershed will be held at the Riverside Town and Country Club on March 14, from 3-6p.m. Currently there are 40 RSVP's.

Watershed Conservation Planner

BWSR and NRCS have a contribution agreement to hire a Conservation Planner for the Blue Earth River Watershed. This position will most likely be housed in Martin County, details are not finalized.

New Business

Area VI Meeting will be March 22

The next Area VI meeting will be held in St. James on March 22, please RSVP by March 15.

FY2020-21 Biennial Budget Request (BBR)

The BBR is required for SWCDs as their request for Program and Operations grants. The report is open through Thursday April 12th.

Cooperative Weed Management Area Work Plan Approval

The 2018 CWMA strategic plan, operating plan and budget were reviewed.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the Strategic Plan, Operating Plan, and Budget for 2018 CWMA, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Projects

Review of Gomsrud Park Water Quality AIS renovations, two billboards, and Sheriff's department for AIS prevention. Total for the three AIS projects is at \$50,000.00.

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve \$50,000.00 for AIS projects, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 Audit

Update on the 2016 Audit and our Quick Books 2015 is due for an update.

Aerial Review for CREP

Discussion on CREP proposals and using a drone for photographing wetland basins.

Sedges of MN Workshop

One staff would like to attend a Sedges of MN Workshop, cost for the workshop is \$450.00.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve \$450.00 for one staff to attend the workshop, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Special Meetings

Area VI Chairman's meeting - Beckman

Beckman attended and gave an update on the Area VI Chairman meeting on February 22, in New Ulm. Martin County will host the November 2018 meeting.

Septic System 101 - Beckman

Beckman attended and gave an update for the Septic System 101 meeting hosted by Martin County Planning and Zoning.

County Commissioner Report – Flohrs

County Commissioner Legislative days were held. They met with the Representative Bob Gunther and Senator Julie Rosen.

Discussion on the Justice Building continues.

Gunther was informed on Drainage Ditch 350 issues.

District Conservationist Report – Norland

Norland gave an update on the following NRCS programs; EQIP, CSP, RCPP, CRP, ACEP, Program Outreach, Wetland Determinations, Earth Team Volunteer, the Operational agreement between NRCS and Martin SWCD, and upcoming meetings/trainings.

District Manager Report – Brenke

See handout.

Water Plan Advisory Committee - Beckman

The next Water Plan meeting will be held at the City of Fairmont Water Plant on March 29th.

SCTSA – Schmidt

No meeting.

GBERBA – Ask

March 9th will be the next Policy/Technical meeting. The next Executive meeting will be held on April 13, with the next Technical meeting on April 25th.

Adjourn

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,

April 12, 2018 Date Approved Austin Beuer Secretary-Treasurer