



**MINNESOTA
SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

*Minutes of the May 10, 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, Greg Johanson – Farm Bill Technician, Rich Perrine – Water Plan/WCA Technician, Jesse Walters – Outreach Coordinator, Betsy Norland – District Conservationist, and Dustin Benes – Technician

Changes or Additions to Agenda

Old Business

Personal Policy

Vehicle Update

New Business

Work Place Accident

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 Meschke to approve the April 12, 2018 Secretary's Report, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

Additional Bills to Pay

Martin County Fair booth, two stalls for \$450.00.

A motion was made by Meschke to pay \$450.00 for the Fair, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost-Share Programs

State Cost-Share

Cancelled

CS #14-16 Lenore Handevidt
Township: Galena
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$2,205.00
Cost Share Requested: \$1,000.00
Slippage: \$1,000.00

A motion was made by Ask to cancel CS #14-16, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

New Projects

CS #22-16 Wendell Rode
Township: Manyaska
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$873.76
Cost Share Requested: \$436.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$436.00 for CS #22-16, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #23-16 Dawn Weseman
Township: Jay
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$3,937.50
Cost Share Requested: \$1,000.00

A motion was made by Cowing to encumber \$1,000.00 for CS #23-16, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #24-16 Robert True
Township: Center Creek
Project: Grassed Waterway
Project Bid Amount: \$2,000.00
Cost Share Requested: \$1,500.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$1,500.00 for CS #24-16, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Cowing to encumber \$467.00 for CS #25-16, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Capacity – Clean Water Funds

New Project

CF #3-17 Kermit Carlson
Township: Galena
Project: Cover Crops (60 Acres, multi species, 3 years)
Project Bid Amount: \$9,225.00
Cost Share Requested: \$9,225.00

A motion was made by Ask to encumber \$9,225.00 for CF #3-17, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

GBERBA – Conservation Drainage

Cancellation

FY16-CWP-46-01	Lunz Farms
Township:	Fairmont
Project:	Bioreactor
Project Bid Amount:	\$15,000.00
Cost Share requested:	\$7,500.00
Slippage:	\$7,500.00

A motion was made by Meschke to cancel FY16-CWP-46-01, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Watershed Conservation Planner

An update on the contribution agreement between BWSR and NRCS for Watershed Conservation Planner position. The first meeting was held between the five counties involved.

2018 Elections

Three positions are up for election. Filing period is from May 22 – June 5. File at the Martin County Courthouse.

319 Application

A 319 application proposal for the Dutch Creek watershed was discussed. Public meetings should be held to discuss issues.

MASWCD Resolutions

Any resolutions should be turned in at the June meeting. Discussion on a resolution for Manager Training.

Personnel Policy

Our personnel policy was adopted from the County's policy containing many components that do not pertain to us. Kay Clark is working on a template for Districts to adopt. Possibly a project for an intern, University of Minnesota Urban Studies, or Region 9.

Vehicle Update

Walters gave an update on quotes for three types of vehicles, from multiple dealers in Martin County. Decision was to get quotes on a compact SUV and act on it at the June meeting or have a special meeting if needed.

New Business

Work place Accident

Benes was in an accident with the District Tractor. A claim was submitted to Worker's Compensation. An insurance adjuster will give an estimate on the damages done on the tractor. Meschke has a small tractor and Cowing has a small culti-packer available for rent to finish projects. Details will be worked out with the individuals.

A motion was made by Ask for an agreement between Supervisors and the District for equipment rental, second by Schmidt. Motion carried. Meschke and Cowing abstained.

RIM Easement Boundaries

FYI on ATV riders potentially going off trail and riding on Robert Smith's RIM Easement. The District will look at any potential easement violations.

LSOHC Proposals

Perrine gave an update on land acquisition LSOHC proposals led by local conservation groups. A draft letter of support was written to move forward with the proposals.

A motion was made by Meschke to sign and submit the letter of support, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Special Meetings

Invasive Species Meeting - Beckman

Beckman attended an invasive species update meeting. Perrine gave a presentation on terrestrial, Gary Wyatt on insect, and Benes on aquatic invasive species. It was a very informative meeting.

County Commissioner – Flohrs

Commissioners are working on the budget, Justice Building, Drainage, and the possibility of a School Resource Officer at GHEC.

District Conservationist Report – Norland

See handout.

District Manager Report – Brenke

See handout.

Water Plan Advisory Committee

Next tentative water plan meeting is June 28.

Water Plan/WCA Report – Benes

A field site review is scheduled for May 15 at the Ormat Nevada Trimont Drainage project, with consultants from Stantec.

SCTSA – Schmidt

No meeting.

GBERBA – Ask

Next Policy meeting is May 11; Next Technical meeting is May 23.

Adjourn

Motion by Ask, second by Meschke to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

June 14, 2018 Date Approved Rustin Benes Secretary-Treasurer