

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 11, 2018

8:30 A.M.

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Gossman, Brian Hazel, Bob Pickett, Kathy Tesmer, Travis Willford

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Rasmussen, Jeanette Serfling, Anne Koliha, Dean Thomas, Adam Beilke (BWSR)

Hazel called the meeting to order at 8:31 p.m. A quorum is present.

I. AGENDA

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to approve the agenda. Affirmative: Tesmer, Pickett, Gossman, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Tesmer to approve the September, 2018 Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motioned by Willford seconded by Pickett to approve the July – September, 2018 Supervisor's vouchers. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Secretary's Report – September 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Payment of Fillmore SWCD 2018 Cover Crop Incentive Program Contract FY19-01 Joseph McCabe, year 2, in the amount of \$510.00
3. Payment of Root River Field to Stream Partnership Cover Crop Incentive Contract BC-CC-18-01 Carter Lee, 26.49 acres in the amount of \$794.70

Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

1. Supervisor's activity reports

Willford had nothing to report.

Hazel had nothing to report.

Gossman reported on the Prairie Walk and Seed Collecting event at his home on Wednesday, October 10th. Approximately 20 people attended and requested it be held again next year.

Pickett had nothing to report.

Tesmer reported coming to the office for the statement opening and check detail.

2. Staff reports

A written report was included in the board packets.

3. Administrator's report

a. BALMM meeting report: Clean Water Accountability report
Rasmussen provided information on a PCA website that provides information from various agencies on what and where practices are being implemented.

Another presentation at BALMM was given by Dave Legvold and students from St. Olaf and the U of M who are studying buffers.

b. BWSR Conservation Planning Initiative for Torkelson Creek Watershed
Included in the packet was a report that provides details of the state wide plan for Conservation Planning. Torkelson Creek Watershed was selected at the Local Work Group meeting. Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD, will be taking over the planning duties to update conservation plans and implement practices.

4. NRCS

No one was present.

5. County

Commissioner Bakke was not present.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider GRT-EJ-Fillmore 140274 Amendment 2 for MDA Noxious Weed Grant extending the expiration date to June 30, 2019

Motioned by Pickett seconded by Gossman to approve GRT-EJ-Fillmore 140274 Amendment 2 for the MDA Noxious Weed Grant extending the expiration date to June 30, 2019. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Consider contract amendment with Stantec extending expiration date from November 5, 2018 to June 5, 2019

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Tesmer to approve the contract amendment with Stantec extending the expiration date from November 5, 2018 to June 5, 2019. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider selection of proposal for Compensation and Classification Study per recommendation from Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee met to select a firm to perform the Compensation and Classification Study. They felt it was too difficult to choose one based on the proposals.

Motioned by Willford seconded by Tesmer to conduct interviews with the three firms that submitted proposals for the Compensation and Classification Study from which the Personnel Committee will make a recommendation to the full board. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Consider Fillmore SWCD application for 2019 Noxious Weed Grant

Motioned by Willford seconded by Gossman to approve the Fillmore SWCD application for the 2019 Noxious Weed Grant as presented. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

3. Consider attendance at MASWCD Convention, December 9-11, 2018

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Tesmer to approve attendance and pay lodging and expenses at the MASWCD Convention on December 9-11, 2018 for staff and supervisors who wish to attend plus the outstanding conservationists. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

4. Consider 2019 Tree Order Form Pricing

Serfling explained that the three varieties in question the district does not sell enough of to get the lesser cost per tree and asked for approval to increase the prices on those trees.

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Willford to approve the pricing changes as proposed.

Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

5. Consider re-investment of CD **1711 which matures on October 18, 2018

Motioned by Willford seconded by Gossman to approve re-investment of CD **1711 which matures on October 18, 2018 at the highest available rate. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

6. Review resolutions

Ballots were turned in and the master ballot signed for submission to MASWCD.

VII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve the October, 2018 payables. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Serfling asked for a volunteer for the statement opening and check review on Thursday, November 1st. Willford volunteered. In the event he can't, Gossman volunteered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Pickett to adjourn the meeting. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Hazel. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Tesmer