

DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 26, 2017
3:00 P.M.
Fillmore County Office Building
902 Houston Street NW
Room 108
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, Caleb Fischer, Rick Grooters, Doug Keene, Anne Koliha

Willford called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum is present.

I. AGENDA

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Joint Powers Agreement with MDA for Root River Field to Stream Partnership in support of educational and outreach activities in the amount of \$13,000.00

Motioned by Hazel seconded by Tesmer to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with MDA for the Root River Field to Stream Partnership in support of educational and outreach activities in the amount of \$13,000.00. Affirmative: Hazel, Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Consider Proposal for Geotechnical Evaluation of Crystal Creek Flood Control Structure in the amount of \$9,080.00 from the Root River Field to Stream Partnership Targeted Watershed Grant

There was discussion as to the purpose of why the soil borings were needed and who would be responsible for the maintenance of the structure after the rehab is completed.

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to approve the proposal for the Geotechnical Evaluation of the Crystal Creek Flood Control Structure in the amount of \$9,080.00 from

the Root River Field to Stream Partnership Targeted Watershed Grant. Affirmative: Hazel, Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

III. CONDUCT ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

The Annual Planning Meeting was conducted. All goals and objectives were reviewed with additional comments and suggestions added.

Scheduling a couple daytime meetings was discussed. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

In relation to education and outreach activities, Rasmussen discussed possible events for celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the SWCD. Details for a tour such as what type of projects to highlight and who the target audience might be were discussed. The Education Committee comprised of Tesmer and Pickett plus Gossman was selected to work on the details for the tour.

Rasmussen asked for Board input on a replacement schedule for vehicles. The 2017 budget has the 2002 Jeep being traded in for a new vehicle purchased with Local Capacity Grant funds. It was suggested to check the state vehicle pool for a used government vehicle.

Grooters, Fischer, Keene and Koliha left the meeting at 4:35 p.m. A short break was taken. The meeting resumed at 4:45 pm.

IV. INSURANCE DISCUSSION

Rasmussen stated that the SWCD needs to continue good insurance benefits to keep good quality employees. She explained the health plans cost levels, the history, and insurance costs as laid out on the spreadsheet.

The board discussed options for keeping District costs down which might include limiting the plans available to employees or possibly changing the percentages paid by employees and the District.

The plan for the next few months is to have the PEIP representative prepare a written report with what the projected outlook for insurance costs might be going forward and review it at the April meeting. In July, have someone from PEIP attend the meeting to provide more information and to answer questions.

Overall board consensus is to cap expenses for future insurance costs which may limit what can be offered in 2018 and beyond. Discussion on the possibility of limiting available plans to an HSA and increasing the amount of the employer contribution but cap the number of years of those contributions will be considered.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Gossman