

DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

12:30 P.M.

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Gossman, Leonard Leutink, Travis Willford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Hazel, Pam Mensink

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Rasmussen, Jeanette Serfling, Rick Grooters, Anne Koliha, Dean Thomas, Jennifer Ronnenberg, Caleb Fischer, Sheila Craig

Vice Chair Willford called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. A quorum is present.

I. AGENDA

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

II. CONDUCT STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

The meeting was facilitated by Sheila Craig.

Rasmussen explained the purpose of the meeting which was to decide the priorities for spending the 2017 Local District Capacity funds and planning for the future.

Fischer and Ronnenberg entered the meeting at 1:01 pm.

The tally of the surveys was reviewed and divided into high priority programs and medium priority programs as shown below.

High Priority Programs

| | Staffing Funding-High | Staffing Funding-Medium | Staffing Funding-Low |
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| Staffing Need High | Buffer Law Implementation | | EQIP State Cost Share Local Water Management/Watershed Implementation |
| Staffing Need Medium | | | Education/Outreach/Scholarships and Outstanding Conservationists |
| Staffing Need Low | | | AgBMP |

Medium Priority Programs

| | Staffing Funding High | Staffing Funding Medium | Staffing Funding Low |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Staffing Need High | Field to Stream Partnership Soil Health Nutrient Management Water Quality Monitoring | | Soil Erosion Control/Conservation Planning |
| Staffing Need Medium | | | Water Testing Lab |
| Staffing Need Low | | | Feedlots Tree Program Windbreak Program |

Groups discussed the priorities and decided which of them their top two priorities were and how the local capacity funds should be spent on them.

All the groups chose local and state cost share and education and outreach as the two top priorities.

Consensus for spending the additional \$30,000+ to be received includes enhancing the identity of the SWCD and promoting the SWCD's 75th anniversary in 2017.

Grooters, Koliha, Thomas, Ronnenberg, and Fischer left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Board members continued the discussion on how to budget the money based on the outcomes of the meeting.

- \$30,000 – Outreach and education
- \$68,000 – District and state cost share enhancements
- \$28,000 – Purchase a new vehicle and trade in the Colorado pickup
- \$10,000 – Buffer seeding

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leonard Leutink, Jr.