

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 20, 2017
5:00 P.M.
Fillmore County Fairgrounds
Commercial Building
Preston, MN 55965

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Picket, Kathy Tesmer, Travis Willford, Tim Gossman
MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Hazel
OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Rasmussen, Jeanette Serfling, Duane Bakke (County Commissioner), Jeff Weiss (DNR Clean Water Hydrologist) Kayla Biel, Morgan Wingert (Fillmore Central FFA), Arden Willford

Willford called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. A quorum is present.

I. AGENDA

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

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to move Number 7 in New Business, Consider request for a donation for signage from the Fillmore Central FFA, to follow the Consent Agenda. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motioned by Pickett seconded by Gossman to approve the June, 2017 Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to approve the April-June, 2017 Supervisors vouchers. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Secretary's Report – June 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Payment of Healthy Forests for Healthy Water Contract 2017-4-R, Tom Tiedemann, 21.6 ac. Invasive Species Management in the amount of \$7,020.00

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider request for a donation for signage from the Fillmore Central FFA

Kayla Biel, FFA Chapter President, and Morgan Wingert, FFA Chapter Reporter, were present to make a request for a donation of \$100.00 for signage on their field plot. The sign would be a double sided 3' x 6' sign which would have the SWCD listed on it. The sign will be located along Highway 139 south of Harmony.

Motioned by Willford seconded by Gossman to approve a donation of \$100.00 to the Fillmore Central FFA Chapter for a sign on their field plot to be paid from the Education Fund. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Biel and Wingert left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

IV. REPORTS

1. Supervisor's activity reports

Willford reported attending a field day at Brian Hazel's, going on the Conservation Tour and attending a Personnel Committee meeting.

Hazel was not present.

Gossman reported going on the Conservation Tour and participating in the 4th of July Parade in Cherry Grove.

Pickett reported attending the Conservation Tour and participating in the Gammel Dag Parade in Peterson.

Tesmer was not present at this time.

2. Staff reports

A written report was included in the board packets.

Commissioner Bakke asked questions about the Lanesboro football field and the BALMM meeting.

3. Administrator's report

a. 75th anniversary activities report

Rasmussen reported she has gotten many good comments on the Conservation Tour. The Forestry Field Day is scheduled for July 26th and a Prairie Walk is scheduled for August 8th at Savana Spring Nature Area in Chatfield. Participation in three parades in August is also planned.

b. SE MASWCD Resolutions Meeting Report

Rasmussen reported on the Resolutions meeting where five resolutions were submitted for review with four being passed. Some of the other topics of the meeting included a Legislative report, a report of alternative practices by the Mower SWCD, and a soil health panel discussion.

c. Root River 1W1P update

The planning workgroup met in July to begin discussing a work plan and priorities. Those recommendations were reviewed by the Advisory Committee. The Policy Committee will review a draft work plan and preliminary budget at their next meeting in August.

Tesmer entered the meeting at 5:35 pm.

4. NRCS

No one from NRCS was in attendance.

5. County

Commissioner Bakke reported the County is working on the Cherry Grove wastewater project. He noted it won't be a community wastewater facility, but the County will try to help the individuals involved.

The Amish septic system law suit is ongoing.

6. Jeff Weiss, MN DNR Clean Water Hydrologist

Weiss introduced himself and explained what his role is. He has worked for Fisheries in Lanesboro and Lake City over the last 23 years. His new role is as a liaison inside DNR gaining input from SWCDs and others by attending meetings, listening to potential problems and issues, and offering assistance.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review 2017 budget and expenditures and 2018 draft proposed budget

Tesmer left the meeting at 6:09 pm.

Rasmussen reviewed the 2017 budget and expenditures. Because of the changes that were made to the 2017 budget, she requested a revised one be approved.

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve the revisions to the FY2017 budget, specifically the FY16 Local Capacity Grant to Capital Outlay and the funding for LCCMR cover crop payments. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Tesmer, Willford.
Opposed:

Rasmussen reviewed the 2018 draft budget.

2. Consider county allocation request for 2018

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to keep the County allocation request for 2018 the same as 2017 at \$215,000.00 plus the \$2,000.00 from the County to match the Local Capacity grant for buffer work. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Arden Willford left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

3. Consider cancellation of Healthy Forests for Healthy Water contract 2017-1-R, Tom Tiedemann, Pond Cleanout, in the amount of \$1,500.00

Motioned by Pickett seconded by Gossman to approve the cancellation of Healthy Forests for Healthy Water contract 2017-1-R, Tom Tiedemann, Pond Cleanout, in the amount of \$1,500.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Weiss left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

4. Consider amendment to SE MN Water Resources Board 319 Feedlot VI Grant extending the expiration date to September 30, 2017

Motioned by Pickett seconded by Gossman to approve the amendment to the SE MN Water Resources Board 319 Feedlot VI Grant extending the expiration date to September 30, 2017. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Fillmore SWCD 2016 Cover Crop Incentive Program Conservation Practice Assistance Contract CC-17-01 Phillip Hebrink, Cover Crops, 91 acres, in the amount of \$2,730.00

Motioned by Pickett seconded by Gossman to approve the Fillmore SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program Conservation Practice Assistance Contract CC-17-01 Phillip Hebrink, Cover Crops, 91 acres, in the amount of \$2,730.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Consider FY2018 BWSR Riparian Buffer Cost Share Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$50,000.00

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to approve the FY2018 BWSR Riparian Buffer Cost Share Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$50,000.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

3. Consider hiring Aaren Mathison as the Conservation Technician at Grade 6, Step 1 per recommendation of Hiring Committee to begin employment July 31, 2017

Motioned by Willford seconded by Gossman to hire Aaren Mathison as the Conservation Technician at Grade 6, Step 1, with a start date of July 31, 2017, per the

recommendation of the Hiring Committee. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford.
Opposed: none. Motion carried.

4. Review of soil erosion complaint process

The soil erosion complaint process was reviewed and discussed extensively. Proposed changes will be made by Rasmussen and brought to the next meeting for review.

5. Consider 2017 plat book proposal from Farm and Home Publishers

Rasmussen presented the proposal for 2017 plat books from Farm and Home Publishers. She noted the directory page will be over laid with an aerial map.

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to purchase 100 (one hundred) 2017 plat books from Farm and Home Publishers. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford.
Opposed: none. Motion carried.

6. Consider Board and staff attendance at the MASWCD SWCD Governance Training Course September 14-15, 2017 in Bloomington

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to approve and pay expenses for anyone who would like to attend the MASWCD SWCD Governance Training Course September 14-15, 2017 in Bloomington. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none.
Motion carried.

7. Consider request for a donation for signage from the Fillmore Central FFA

Moved to earlier in the meeting.

8. Consider contract with Wade Consulting and Solutions for 2018 SWCD Water Quality Lab Assessment in the amount of \$1,795.00

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Pickett to approve the contract with Wade Consulting and Solutions for the 2018 SWCD Water Quality Lab Assessment in the amount of \$1,795.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none.

VII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motioned by Pickett seconded by Gossman to approve the July, 2017 payables.
Affirmative: Gossman, Pickett, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Serfling asked for a volunteer for the statement opening and check review on Tuesday, August 1st. Gossman volunteered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Gossman