

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 17, 2020

4:30 P.M.

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Gossman(Zoom), Dwayne Ostrem, Bob Pickett, Kathy Tesmer, Travis Willford

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Christensen, Anne Koliha, Mindy Williamson, Duane Bakke(Zoom)

Oath of Office for Appointed Supervisor Ostrem

Appointed Supervisor Ostrem recited the Oath of Office.

Tesmer called the meeting to order at 4:34p.m. A quorum is present.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Pickett and seconded by Dwayne to approve the agenda. Affirmative: Gossman, Ostrem, Pickett, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

II. Secretary's Report

A. November 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Pickett and seconded by Ostrem to approve the Secretary's report of the November 2020 regular Board Meeting. Affirmative: Gossman, Ostrem, Pickett, Tesmer and Willford. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

Willford entered meeting at 4:36p.m.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Pickett and seconded by Willford to approve the following consent agenda items.

- A. Payment of Contract WS FY19-08, Well Sealing, Stacy Dreyer, in the amount of \$640.60

- B. Payment of Contract RR1W1P 19-09, Grade Stabilization, Paul Ruen, in the amount of \$6,885.76
- C. Partial Payments of BWSR Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant incentive contracts:

Rockne West	DWPG-CP-2020-01	\$800.00
Kevin Tesmer	DWPG-CP-2020-02	\$800.00
Robert Lamprecht	DWPG-CP-2020-03	\$800.00
Glen Groth	DWPG-CP-2020-04	\$800.00
Phillip Dick-Dick Living Trust	DWPG-CP-2020-05	\$800.00
Rick Ruberg	DWPG-CP-2020-06	\$800.00
Kenneth Witt	DWPG-CP-2020-07	\$1,000.00
Nathan Bernau	DWPG-CP-2020-08	\$150.00
Ray Keller	DWPG-CP-2020-09	\$150.00
Daniel Hanson	DWPG-CP-2020-10	\$1,000.00
David Pierson	DWPG-CP-2020-11	\$500.00
Rachel Walkis	DWPG-CP-2020-12	\$300.00
Joe Daily	DWPG-CP-2020-14	\$1,000.00
Patrick Daily	DWPG-CP-2020-15	\$1,000.00
Dan Daily	DWPG-CP-2020-16	\$1,000.00

- D. Payment of Contract FY 18-07, Grade Stabilization, Mike Keefe in the total amount of \$13,635.58, utilizing \$2,047.03 FY18 Cost Share, \$6,070.20 FY18 Local Capacity, and \$5,518.35 FY19 State Cost Share

Affirmative: Ostrem, Pickett, Tesmer and Willford Opposed: None. Motion Carried

Gossman entered meeting at 4:40p.m.

IV. REPORTS

A. Supervisor’s activity reports

Willford – Nothing to report

Ostrem – Nothing to report

Gossman – Nothing to report

Pickett – Nothing to report

Tesmer – Attended check opening. Zoom with RC&D wrap up discussion of the year. They are also looking for a board member. JPB meeting stating they had a few projects with major overrun. After looking further into it they determined the contracted-out engineers hadn’t done a sufficient job when laying out the jobs. They are billing the

engineers for the mistakes. Other reasons for the overrun are lumber price increases etc. Willford stated the projects should have been stopped. Christensen stated we cannot leave land owners high and dry. Tesmer also stated the JPB Board is looking for a President, Vice President and Treasurer.

B. Staff reports

A written report was included in the board packets.

C. Administrator's report

1. Cares Contribution from Fillmore County
2. Christensen thanked Duane Bakke for the tech donations in the conference rooms

D. NRCS report

Written report was provided by NRCS

E. County report –

Bakke reported that a resolution for SWCD's to update protected waterways was approved. Bakke reported that a company bought a well in Dakota County to use to ship water to the SW United States. They opposed this resolution. Bakke reported that 19 RR1W1P projects have been completed so far, 19 are in progress and 21 yet to get started. Bakke stated it is likely the project won't meet its goal to be finished by 2025. Discussion of how to measure progress of the RR1W1P and are looking for ways to calculate impairments and show improvements.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider Technology Updates

Board reviewed and discussed. No action taken.

B. Consider approval for Chair to sign treasurer's reports for November and December 2020

Motioned by Pickett and seconded by Gossman to approve the Chair to sign the Treasurer's Report for November and December 2020. Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

C. Approve November 2020 treasurer's report.

Motioned by Pickett and seconded by Willford to approve November's treasurer's report Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

- D. Consider Amendment to Contract FSP CC20-02, Todd Hendrickson, Feedlot Runoff Control, increasing total amount to \$64,567.57.

Motioned by Pickett and seconded by Willford to approve the amendment to Contract FSP CC20-02, Todd Hendrickson, Feedlot Runoff Control, increasing total amount to \$64,567.57.

Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- E. Consider payment of Contract FSP CC20-02, Todd Hendrickson, Feedlot Runoff Control, in the amount of \$64,567.57

Motioned by Gossman and seconded by Willford to approve the payment for Contract FSP CC20-02, Todd Hendrickson, Feedlot Runoff Control, in the amount of \$64,567.57. Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider 2021 Fillmore SWCD budget

Board reviewed and discussed. No action taken.

- B. Consider 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment

Board reviewed and discussed. No action taken.

- C. Consider 2018-2019 Watershed Based Funds Amendment 7 moving \$30,000.00 from Soil Health & Nutrient Management Specialist TA to RCPP Technical Assistance

Motioned by Willford and seconded by Pickett to approve Amendment 7 moving \$30,000.00 from Soil Health & Nutrient Management Specialist TA to RCPP Technical Assistance. Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- D. Consider Approval of 2021 MACDE annual due

Motioned by Gossman and seconded by Willford to approve the 2021 MACDE annual dues in the amount of \$200.00.

Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- E. Consider Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District Personnel Policy Handbook revisions

Board reviewed and discussed. No action taken

- F. Consider changing associated F&M Community Bank checking account to non-interest-bearing account in exchange to waive ACH fees.

Motioned by Ostrem and seconded by Gossman to switch to a non-interest-bearing account in exchange for no ACH fees.

Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- G. Consider Fillmore SWCD Interim Policy for Utilization of Paid Leave during the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency

Motioned by Willford and seconded by Pickett to approve the interim policy dated 11/1/2020-12/31/2020.

Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

VII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- A. Approve Accounts Payable

Motioned by Willford and seconded by Pickett to approve the December, 2020 payables. Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- B. Supervisor volunteer for statement opening and check review.

Tesmer asked for a volunteer for the statement opening and check review on January 4, 2021. Willford volunteered.

VIII. Informational Item

- A. 2021 Calendar of Events

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Ostrem and seconded by Pickett to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Pickett, Tesmer, Willford, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36p.m.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

MASWCD Convention	December 8, 2020
BALMM Meeting	December 16, 2020
SE SWCD Tech Support JPB – Special Meeting	December 16, 2020
Fillmore SWCD Regular December Board Meeting	December 17, 2020
Christmas Holiday – Office Closed	December 25, 2020
New Year’s Holiday – Office Closed	January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed	January 18, 2021
Fillmore SWCD Regular January Board Meeting	January 21, 2021
Fillmore SWCD Annual Planning Meeting	January 21, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Travis Willford,
Fillmore SWCD Board Secretary