



LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Thursday, April 11, Noon

408 1st Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Chair Todd Ronning.
Present: Ronning-Omarzu-Brodigan-Haus
Absent: Sagen
Staff: Tucker, Smerud, Passe
Guests: Jon Sellnow & Mike Hup, NRCS - Erin Loeffler, BSWR – Chris Wright, NRRI
- Agenda: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Omarzu to approve the agenda as printed. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Haus. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Minutes: **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Haus to approve the minutes for March 14, 2019 meeting as printed. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Haus. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Financial and administrative reports:
- Treasurers Report: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Haus to approve the treasures report as presented. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Haus. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- **Guest Updates:**
- NRCS Report: Jon Sellnow introduced Mike Hup the new NRCS Forester. They have 121 Active Contracts and 181 Applicants. Lake County has 19 approved Contracts. RCPP outreach will need to be done for the extra 1W1P funds that are available.
- District Manager: Tucker submitted a claim for the floor damage in the basement and will keep the Board updated on the progress. An appraiser was here measuring last week.
- Action Items: Tucker reviewed the 4 estimates for roof repairs. **Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve the low bid for \$10,710 to Billings Remodeling. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Haus. Abstain: None. Carried. Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to accept Zach Stewarts resignation with regrets. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Haus. Abstain: None. Carried.**
Loeffler gave a brief update on the Legislative actions, report from MASWCD was emailed.
- Staff reports: Passe updated the Board on the East Beaver, Stewart and Lake Superior Shoreline. The Stewart River repairs may be able to take place this summer with funds from Trout Unlimited and the DNR. We will need to be fiscal agent for this project. Passe has arranged a meeting on April 29th at 10 AM to meet with landowners and give them an update. Action will probably be taken at the May meeting.
Smerud presented to the Board on the options of involvement with the St Louis/Cloquet 1W1P that South St Louis SWCD is applying for funding. 9.6% of Lake County includes the St Louis watershed so we are not required to participate with BWSR approval. 10% is the cut off for required participation. Most of the watershed in Lake County is public land. Smerud will present to the County Commissioners also. **Motion by Ronning and seconded by Brodigan to Resolve to approve the 1W1P when completed and to request participation on the advisory board. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Haus. Abstain: None.**

Carried. Staff and Supervisors can participate at public meetings held for the areas that include Lake County. Thank you, Sonja for the great presentation.

Correspondence: Chris Wright from NRRI presented on the Forest Carbon Market and how he feels that MN could be more involved. The cost of becoming a certified carbon forest is expensive. He is in the process of writing a LCCMR grant to do research on carbon sequestration in Northern MN. **Motion by Haus and seconded by Omarzu to approve writing a letter of support. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Haus. Abstain: None. Carried.**

Rain gauge results for 2018 were sent out to volunteers and shared with the Supervisors.

Supervisor Committee Reports and Concerns:

Audit Committee: Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Brodigan to approve the Audit Committee signed 14 Checks plus one will we issue for the consulting fee and 12 direct/on-line payments for a total of \$39,738.24. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Haus. Abstain: None. Carried Tucker reported that Sagen compared the bank statement with the balance statement.

TSA: Ronning reported that TSA staff is going to be trained on Stormwater modeling. They shared a list of all projects they are working on with Area III Districts.

Forestry: Haus reported they had a presentation on Chronic Wasting Disease. Mitch Lundeen's report was shared.

North Shore Forest Collaborative: Hogfeldt attended this meeting and presented on "What the SWCD does".

1W1P: Ronning attended this Policy Committee meeting, the next meeting will be May 3rd.

RC&D: Ronning reported the Lake Superior Steelhead have a project on the Knife River. They are working with Grand Portage on establishing a buffalo herd.

Motion to adjourn at 3.50 next meeting will be May 9, 2019 at Noon at 408 1st Avenue.

Submitted by: Karen R. Tucker, District Manager

Doug Haus, Secretary

Upcoming dates:

Tree pick up May 10th

Area III: Resolution meeting