



LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Thursday, October 10th, Noon

408 1st Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM by Chair Todd Ronning.
Present: Ronning-Haus-Omarzu-Brodigan-Sagen
Absent: None
Staff: Tucker
Guests: Erin Loeffler (BWSR)
- Agenda: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Haus to approve the agenda as printed. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Minutes: **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Haus to approve the minutes for September 12th, 2019 meeting as printed. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Financial and administrative reports:
 - Treasurers Report: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Omarzu to approve the treasures report as presented. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- **Guest Updates:**
- NRCS Report: Sellnow's report was reviewed.
- **District Manager:**
 - Tucker reported that the Spies cost-share is moving forward and that we will probably have a voucher to pay at next meeting.
 - Vehicle use policy: It was decided to get a policy in place effective January first.
 - A special meeting to meet with the consultant will be either October 21st or November 4th. Tucker will check with the consultant to see which date works for him. We will review the handbook and the Compensation and Classification Study. The Board will have a chance to ask questions. These items are part of our Strategic plan.
 - The draft MOA with the City of Two Harbors for a Stormwater plan was reviewed. We need to extend our CWF grant. **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to request extending the existing stormwater grant to December 2020. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.** Passe and Loeffler are presenting to the City Council on Monday October 14th at 5PM.
 - There will be a 1W1P public meeting held on October 24th from 6 to 7 at the Lake County Highway building.
 - Tucker updated that the Stewart repairs are finished and that we will probably get a request for payment before the next meeting. **Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve payment pending TSA certification that the project was completed according to plans. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**

Correspondence:

Supervisor Committee Reports and Concerns:

Audit Committee: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Haus to approve the Audit Committee signed 17 Checks, and 14 direct/on-line payments for a total of \$49,265.81. Plus, the additional check for Nordic. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None.**

Sea Grant Project: Sagen reported that Sea Grant is doing a research project on Micro Plastics in the water and would like WICOLA volunteers to assist by helping to gather fish guts from fish caught in the lake to test for plastics. She will keep us up-dated; nothing was done this summer.

Area III Meeting: Haus reported that speakers included Ryan Hughes, LeAnn Buck, Steve Cole, Chris Lord spoke on Levy Authority followed by the business meeting.

Forestry: The meeting included the request for counties to contribute to an are Forester Position, most counties felt it wasn't needed.

RC&D: Brodigan attended and reported the had a presentation on Carbon Credits, Phase III of the St Louis Environmental Assessment.

Governance 101: Sagen reported that is was very interesting and that Watershed Districts attended also. They recommended that personnel emails should not be used. She had several handouts to share. They will be scanned and emailed.

TSA: Ronning attended the short meeting in which they were told that Keith Anderson resigned his position. Matias will be the lead Engineer.

Resolution Ballots: The master copy was signed, and most ballots were handed in. Ronning will bring his in next week.

Motion to adjourn at 3:50 next meeting will be the Special Meeting on November 14th, 2019 at Noon, 408 1st Avenue.

Submitted by: Karen R. Tucker, District Manager

Doug Haus, Secretary