



LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Thursday, September 12th, Noon

408 1st Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by Chair Todd Ronning.
Present: Ronning-Haus-Omarzu-Brodigan
Absent: Sagen is attending Governance 101
Staff: Tucker-Byrns
Guests: Jon Sellnow, Mike Hup, NRCS temp, Katya Gordon
- Agenda: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve the agenda as printed with one correction. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Minutes: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Haus to approve the minutes for August 8th, 2019 meeting as printed with a few minor corrections. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Financial and administrative reports:
 - Treasurers Report: **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Haus to approve the treasures report as presented. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.** Tucker noted she just received payment for the Stewart River repairs so there will be one more check. #7315 to Nordic Group, Inc. for \$66,025. \$66,663.58 was received.
 - 2018 Audit: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve the 2018 Audit pending State Approval. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- **Guest Updates:**
- Katya Gordon reported that she is part of a Citizens Climate Lobby founded in 2007. They are working on getting a Bipartisan Bill – Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act. She is also working with Community Partners to do presentations on Climate Change. More information is available at their website - www.citizensclimatelobby.org
- NRCS Report: Sellnow reported that they have been busy with 200 Active contracts and 16 applications to be finished, signed and obligated. They are doing site visits for the grey birch and canon fir.
- **District Manager:**
 - Byrns reported that we received the SOGL grant for the Hockaman Creek Culvert project in Finland, Byrns shared a before picture of the perched culverts. We need a motion to approve the 2nd grant application to finish this project. TSA is designing this project. **Motion by Haus and seconded by Omarzu to approve submitting the CLP grant application. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
 - Request for funds from each district to support the Forester position formerly held by Mitch Lundeen. The Board had Lundeen’s last report and the request from the Area III Forestry. Tucker

noted that it will probably be discussed at the Forestry Meeting held on September 19th. Haus will attend and report at the October meeting.

- BWSR Academy: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve up to six staff members to attend BWSR Academy. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Staff requested a policy for use of private vehicle to tow or haul supplies. Concerns of extra wear and tear on personal vehicles. Board suggested that a request could be submitted and that they will address this at the October meeting.

Correspondence:

Supervisor Committee Reports and Concerns:

Audit Committee: Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Haus to approve the Audit Committee signed 22 Checks, 1 Void and 15 direct/on-line payments for a total of \$54,258.45. Plus, the additional check for Nordic. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None.

Sea Grant Project was tabled until October when Sagen will be at the meeting

Governance 101: Teresa Sagen is at the meeting today.

AREA III: Reminder of the September 26th in Hinkley, Haus and Tucker will attend.

Brodigan reported that NOAA would like to attend our meeting to talk about the Weather Station program.

Brodigan commented on a variance request that needs a tree buffer along the road up Highway #2 and wondered if they had contacted anyone at the office.

Motion to adjourn at 3:30 next meeting will be October 10, 2019 at Noon at 408 1st Avenue.

Submitted by: Karen R. Tucker, District Manager

Doug Haus, Secretary

Upcoming dates:

Forestry: September 19th

Area III: Haus and Tucker

RC&D: Brodigan will attend in Ronnings place