



LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Thursday, August 13th, Noon

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- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM via Zoom by Chair Doug Haus.
Present: Haus-Omarzu-Brodigan-Hippert-Sagen
Absent: None
Staff: Solem, Scranton, Hogfeldt, Byrns, Passe, Anderson
Guests: Erin Loeffler (BWSR), Allison Praet (NRCS)
- Agenda: **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Sagen to approve the agenda as printed. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Minutes: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Sagen to approve the minutes from the July 9th, 2020 meeting previously viewed by email. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Financial and administrative reports:
 - Treasurers Report: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- **Guest Updates:**
- NRCS Report: Allison Praet the new Duluth area District Conservationist- Customer Service Team Lead introduced herself. She mentioned the deadline for all EQUIP contracts is August 14th.
- BWSR Report: Erin Loeffler reported that the BWSR Academy is going online at the end of October. She mentioned that the BWSR board is going over the 2021 Local Capacity and will decide on funding allocations.
- CCMI Apprentice Presentations: Leah Mullin and Archie MacKinnon presented their experiences working with Lake County SWCD this summer; their projects included the City of Two Harbors Tree Survey, the LCMR grant demonstration pollinator gardens and planting guide, Lake County culvert data update/transfer, helping with Agate Bay E.coli sampling, Skunk Creek water sampling, and AIS watercraft inspections.
- **District Manager:** Solem updated the board in regards to the MPCA WRAPS Rainy Headwater Grant being delayed a year. Also reported continued meetings with Dan Walker and Miranda Pietila with the City of Two Harbors about the Stormwater Management Plan Funding.
- Action items: Request of three weeks funding CCMI crew time. One week for grant funded Stewart River Maintenance, one week of CWF awarded time for rain garden and river maintenance work, and one week for grant funded fall river maintenance work on Sawmill Creek. **Motion made by Omarzu and seconded by Brodigan to approve CCMI Crew time. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Hippert, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**

- Leah will be assisting Liz in Ely with Starry Trek outreach event on August 15. **Motion made by Sagen and seconded by Omarzu to approve CCMI Apprentice Leah Mullin’s mileage for the AIS Outreach Event. Affirmative: Haus, Brodigan, Omarzu, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- 2018 Local Capacity has been fully expended. **Motion made by Brodigan and seconded by Omarzu to approve the 2018 Local Capacity Financial Certification expenditures. Affirmative: Haus, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen, Omarzu. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Three JPA documents between Cook and Lake County SWCDs for the joint 1W1P projects and funding; Stormwater Plan Project, Education and Outreach, and Forestry Stewardship Planning and Outreach. **Motion made by Omarzu and seconded by Brodigan to approve the three Joint Powers Agreements with Cook County. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Hippert, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Air conditioning unit is not functioning. The contractor thought it was the fan motor but the compressor is failing. Since the unit is aged, the contractor reports the entire unit should be replaced. **Motion made by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to approve replacing the air conditioning unit. Affirmative: Haus, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen, Omarzu. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- **Staff Reports:** Hogfeldt is seeking approval for an application for a \$50,000 CPL Grant to assist Lake County with terrestrial invasives species management in the Lake County gravel pit adjacent to private land. **Motion made by Omarzu and seconded by Hippert to approve the application for the CPL Grant for invasives. Affirmative: Omarzu, Hippert, Haus, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Byrns reported there are quite a few applications coming in for EQIP funding due to Spruce Budworm and also Forest Stewardship Plan requests. Byrnes is seeking approval for a \$400,000 CPL Grant for Breezy Lane culvert replacement on Hockamin Creek. **Motion made by Omarzu and seconded by Brodigan to approve the CPL Grant for culvert replacement on the township roads. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain None. Carried.**

Supervisor Committee Reports and Concerns:

Audit Committee: **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Brodigan to approve 21 check payments and 52 direct/on-line payments for a total of \$79,042.38. Affirmative: Omarzu, Haus, Hippert, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**

Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Sagen to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 pm.

Next meeting will be held on September 10th, 2020 at Noon via zoom.

Submitted by Tara L. Solem, District Manager

Doug Haus, Board Chair