



LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Thursday, June 11, Noon

408 1st Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM by Chair Doug Haus.
Present: Haus-Omarzu-Brodigan-Hippert-Sagen
Absent: None
Staff: Solem, Scranton, Smerud, Hogfeldt
Guests: Erin Loeffler (BWSR), Michael Hup (NRCS), Jeff Forester (BWCAW Coalition)
- Agenda: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Omarzu to approve the agenda as printed. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Minutes: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to approve the minutes from the May 14th, 2020 meeting as printed. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Financial and administrative reports:
 - Treasurers Report: **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Sagen to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
 - Audit update: There are no updates on the audit.
- **Guest Updates:**
- NRCS Report: Mike reported updates on meetings and assessment deadlines. Alison Praet will be the new Duluth Team Lead coming in July 2020.
- BWSR Report: Erin Loeffler was in attendance and presented information on NRCS AFA proposal letter of support. She stated that this is a landscape stewardship plan with the DNR and NRCS for easements in the St Louis River Watershed. **Motion made by Hippert and seconded by Brodigan to approve letter of support for the landscape stewardship plan. Affirmative: Haus, Brodigan, Omarzu, Hippert, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Jeff Forester presentation: Jeff presented information regarding the MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates working together to protect the Boundary Waters from invasive species.
- **District Manager:** Solem updated the board in regards to the E.Coli and LCCMR grants that are ending in June. Solem reported meeting with MPCA Watershed Project Managers regarding current grants, upcoming projects and funding.
- **Staff Reports:** Smerud reported hiring more seasonal staff whom have finished the required DNR watercraft inspector training. 129 inspections were completed in May. She presented her resignation letter; her last working day will be June 26th. Anderson will be starting her new role as AIS Program Coordinator and Water Resources Technician on June 15th. **Motion made by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to accept Smerud resignation letter. Affirmative: Haus, Brodigan, Omarzu, Sagen, Hippert. Abstain: None. Carried.**

- Hogfeldt updated the board in regards to the CCMi Apprentices. They are working on a pollinator/rainwater guide that will be available to the public when done. They are conducting a tree inventory for the City of Two Harbors. Working on transitioning our culvert data into the state system. Hogfeldt answered questions on the DNR CPL buckthorn grant that was recently received.

Correspondence:

- Solem reported the Woodlands of Minnesota Landowner Handbook is in the office and available to the public. Brodigan is quoted in it.

Supervisor Committee Reports and Concerns:

Audit Committee: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to approve 12 check payments and 26 direct/on-line payments for a total of \$42,930.04. Affirmative: Omarzu, Haus, Hippert, Brodigan, Sagen.**

Abstain: None. Carried.

Area III meeting: The meeting is cancelled but can submit resolutions. There are no resolutions to submit.

RC&D: Brodigan reported there was discussion regarding carbon credits. There is a new app at carbonworks.com that helps smaller forest owners. There are fences up for the Grand Portage buffalo project. BWSR discussion regarding Clean Water Funds to improve water quality in the landscape stewardship plan.

Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Sagen to adjourn the meeting at 2:03pm.

Next meeting will be held on July 9th, 2020 at Noon via zoom.

Submitted by Tara L. Solem, District Manager

Doug Haus, Board Chair