



LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Thursday, March 12, 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: Haus-Omarzu-Brodigan-Ronning-Sagen
Absent: None
Staff: Tucker, Solem, Passe
Guests: Erin Loeffler (BWSR)
- Agenda: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve the agenda as printed. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Minutes: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Sagen to approve the minutes February 13, 2020 meeting as printed. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Financial and administrative reports:
 - Treasurers Report: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Sagen to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- **Guest Updates:**
- NRCS Report: No report was received nor reviewed.
- BWSR Report: Erin Loeffler was in attendance and informed the Board that Pine and Carlton County SWCDs are piloting levy authority.
- Staff Report
 - Passe reported not receiving many requests for wetland delineation. Superior Shores has had flooding from a coastal wetland and rocks being pushed upland from lake ice.
 - Passe reported that a cost share project on the Julie Andrus site that focused on stabilization and turf conversion will be worked on again as a shore restoration project this summer using plant plugs and nylon reinforcement.
 - Passe reported that an E. coli study looked at DNA markers and determined that human E. coli was found in Agate Bay. Continued E.coli sampling to duplicate last year's sampling are requested.
Motion by Ronning and seconded by Sagen to collect 5 samples at 2 locations testing for E.coli . Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None Carried.
 - **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Haus to approve the Coastal Grant Application for continue DNA testing with UMD. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
 - **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Omarzu to have an open meeting on March 18th at 4:30 for Chan Lan from University of Duluth to present the findings from the E. Coli Study Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**

- Passe reported that there is Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program Grant. Rustic Creek Townhomes and the Autozone parking lot across from Minnehaha School are possible locations for infiltration basins/rain gardens under this grant. **Motion by Haus and seconded by Sagen to apply for the Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program Grant. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Hogfeldt reported that there is a 3-year DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for removal of buckthorn from public lands. He has identified areas along the Two Harbors Golf Course that has buckthorn that would need to be removed and treated. He would like to apply for \$50,000 towards buckthorn removal.
- **District Manager:**
 - **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Haus to approve the application of the \$50,000 DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for Buckthorn removal. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.** The grant will be signed by the Board the next meeting.
 - **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Sagen to approve the hiring of two Conservation Corps interns. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.** Interns will be conducting Two Harbor tree inventory, culvert inventory and updating electronic culvert information, AIS, and LCCMR native plants information.
 - **Update on District Financial Clerk.** Interviews are scheduled for two applicants on Monday March 16 and Tuesday March 17.

Correspondence: Self-Assessment Guide, we will plan to review this at the May meeting.

Supervisor Committee Reports and Concerns:

Audit Committee: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve the Audit Committee signed 16 Checks, and 28 direct/on-line payments for a total of \$57,708.26. Affirmative: Omarzu, Haus, Ronning, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**

Supervisor Opening: Ronning resigns as of March 19th. Supervisors will contact interested potential Supervisor replacements and update the Board on the Supervisor position replacement candidates at the April meeting. **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Brodigan (with regrets) to approve the resignation of Supervisor Ronning. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: Ronning. Carried.**

New Chair: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Omarzu to nominate Haus as new Chair. Affirmative: Omarzu, Haus, Ronning, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None.**

TSA: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to approve Haus as new District III TSA member. Affirmative: Haus, Ronning, Omarzu, Brodigan, Sagen. Abstain: None. Carried.**

Legislative Briefing: Sagen is planning on attending and the date is set for March 23-25.

Bank Signature: Sagen and Solem sign new bank forms provided by Lake Bank and all boards sign removing Ronning and Tucker.

Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Sagen to adjourn the meeting at 2:35.

Next meeting will be held on April 9th, 2020 at Noon.

Submitted by Tara L. Solem, District Manager

Doug Haus, Secretary