



LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Thursday, December 12th, Noon

408 1st Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:09 PM by Chair Todd Ronning.
Present: Haus-Omarzu-Brodigan-Ronning
Absent: Sagen
Staff: Tucker, Smerud
Guests: None
- Agenda: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Haus to approve the agenda as printed. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Minutes: **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Haus to approve the minutes for November 14th, 2019 meeting with one clarification. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Financial and administrative reports:
 - Treasurers Report: **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Haus to approve the treasures report as presented. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.**
 - Audit: : **Motion by Omarzu and seconded by Haus to approve the Final Audit for 2018. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- **Guest Updates:**
- NRCS Report: Sellnow left his position with NRCS and took a position with BWSR.
- **Staff Presentation:** Smerud presented on the AIS program and answered the Boards questions. She informed the Board that a grant program is going to be offered in 2020 for AIS. Applications will be accepted and reviewed by a committee. **Motion by Haus and seconded by Omarzu to support a grant fund up to \$50,000 per year for AIS. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.**
 - **1W1P: Motion by Haus and seconded by Omarzu to approve Cook County to continue to be the Fiscal Agent for the 1W1P funds for 2020. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- **District Manager:**
 - Cost Share: No vouchers have been submitted for payment.
 - Budget: Tucker reviewed the new wage scale that the Consultant put together for us and requested the Board approve the budget for 2020 with the change of paying staff bi-weekly. **Motion by Haus and seconded by Omarzu to approve the 2020 Budget with the staff raises included. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.**
 - District Manager update: The position will be open until the 20th and we may have to repost it.

- Silver Bay Voucher: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve and sign and pay the Voucher to complete the East Beaver Project. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Stewart River Payment: **Motion by Haus and seconded by Omarzu to approve the second payment request from Nordic Group, Inc for \$118,127.75. Affirmative: Haus, Omarzu, Brodigan, Ronning. Abstain: None. Carried.** Tucker reported the funds were received this morning.
- Hi & Lows of Lake Superior: Staff attended this full day event. Very good information was shared. We submitted an Annual Coastal Grant proposal with Cook County SWCD for 2020/2021 to have workshops for contractors, SWCD staff, landowners and realtors as well as site visits for Lake Superior Shoreline landowners by a Coastal Engineer.

Correspondence:

Supervisor Committee Reports and Concerns:

Audit Committee: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Haus to approve the Audit Committee signed 14 Checks, and 11 direct/on-line payments for a total of \$118,127.75. Affirmative: Omarzu, Haus, Ronning, Brodigan. Abstain: None.**

RC&D: Brodigan attended and reviewed the presentations and shared a few handouts they were given.

Annual Meeting: Omarzu attended and thanked the Board for sending her. She felt it was very informative. All the resolutions passed at the annual meeting.

Ronning informed the rest of the Board that her may resign his position on the Board in April.

Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Omarzu to adjourn the meeting at 3:10

Next meeting will be held on January 9th at noon.

Submitted by: Karen R. Tucker, District Manager

Doug Haus, Secretary