

PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING (Held at Pennington County Government Center and Via Zoom Video Conferencing) November 18, 2021 1:00 P.M.

Supervisors Present:

Ricky Peterson, Chair Linda Hanson, Vice-Chair Greg Hilgeman, Treasurer Kevin Wilde, PR

Staff Present:

Peter Nelson, District Manager Barb Molskness, District Coordinator Larissa Fitzgerald, District Technician Bryanna Grefthen, Water Resource Specialist Matthew Sorvig, Resource Technician Donna Christianson, Outreach Coordinator Jill Fejszes, Farm Bill Biologist Nico Bennett, NRCS (via Zoom)

Absent:

ADawn Nelson, Secretary

The meeting was held in Meeting Room A of the Pennington County Government Center and via Zoom Video Conferencing. Ricky Peterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Ricky completed a roll call of all supervisors and staff and asked if there were any visitors joining the meeting.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the amended agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Kevin to approve the October 21, 2021, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Barb reviewed the October 2021 Financial Report. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the October 2021 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin to approve payment of the following bills:

Marco Technologies	\$ 48.43
Sjoberg's	\$ 66.95
Chase Card Services	\$ 1,078.82
Verizon	\$ 60.24
RMB Lab	\$ 1,041.00
Houston Engineering	\$ 2,203.81
MN IT Services	\$ 59.83
Peterson Company Ltd.	\$ 2,925.00
Innovative	\$ 172.32
School Specialty	\$ 47.00
RRV Conservation Service Area	\$ 373.86
HDR Engineering	\$ 1,047.84
All in favor, motion carried.	

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to pay the MN Department of Ag's 2022 Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate Renewal invoice in the amount of \$350.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Kevin to pay the following percent-based Buffer Cost-share contract: BFY18-07 Lynn Hammer \$11,791.87 All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to pay the following percent-based Red Lake River Watershed Based Implementation Funding Cost-share contract for SWI's installed on JD25: RLR_FY18-01 Pennington County \$29,563.95 All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin to pay the following percent-based State Cost-share contract for three SWI's: FY18-10 Clyde Sorenson \$7,694.93 All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin made a motion, seconded by Linda to pay the following percent-based State Cost-share contract for one SWI: FY18-07 Everett Ault \$2,239.76 All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to pay the following percent-based State Costshare contract for well sealing:

FY18-09Kevin Wilde\$ 250.00All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin to pay the following percent-based State Cost-share contract for well sealing: FY19-02 Tom Harlow \$250.00 All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to pay the following percent-based State Costshare contract for well sealing: FY19-04 Mishawn Homme \$ 250.00 All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin to pay the following percent-based State Cost-share contract for well sealing: FY19-05 Tim Hruby \$250.00 All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Kevin to pay the following percent-based State Costshare contract for well sealing: FY19-06 Steve Olson \$250.00 All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Kevin to pay the following percent-based State Costshare contract for well sealing: FY18-08 Jason Potucek \$ 250.00 All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin made a motion, seconded by Greg to pay the following percent-based State Costshare contract for well sealing: FY19-01 Kjell Johnsrud \$250.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Greg to use the following prices for tree sales in 2022:

Increase the cost of potted black hills spruce trees from \$12.00 to \$14.00 per pot. Keep the conifer tree price at \$55.00 for a bundle of 25. Keep the deciduous tree price at \$45.00 for a bundle of 25. Keep the matting price at \$.60 per foot installed.

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Kevin to increase the price of tree tubes from \$3.50 to \$4.00 each. All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin made a motion, seconded by Linda to increase the price of stakes from \$1.50 to \$2.00 each. All in favor, motion carried.

MASWCD State Convention details were discussed. None of the supervisors can attend. Staff attending will be Peter, Bryanna, and Larissa. Linda made a motion, seconded by Greg authorizing staff to purchase, at their discretion, some hand-crafted wood items for the MASWCD auction. All in favor, motion carried.

2022 Planning Meeting ideas:

- ✓ Ask Rob Sip from the Red River Management Board to speak on water quality funding.
- ✓ Ask Dr. Jim Mulder to speak on well-functioning boards.
- \checkmark Invite other boards to speak.
- ✓ Have Matt Fischer and Peter Nelson team up to speak about 1W1P for a better understanding of what it is all about (history, funding, long term, etc.).

The Board's top two choices were: 1. Ma

1. Matt Fischer and Peter Nelson

2. Rob Sip

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to purchase \$30.00 Hugo's gift cards for the rainfall monitors. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin authorizing Matt to award a \$50.00 cash prize to the Science Fair candidate that relays the best conservation message in their project. All in favor, motion carried.

Peter will check with ADawn and Linda to schedule a date for the Personnel Committee to meet.

Employee reports were reviewed.

NRCS report was available to be read in the Board packet.

Correspondence articles included:

- An article from Wildlife Forever naming Curt Quesnell the 2021 Clean Drain Dry Ambassador of the Year.
- An article from the Furrow Magazine highlighting Linda and Mike Hanson's dairy operation.

The next Board meeting will be held in the Red Lake Watershed District Meeting Room on December 16th, at 1 p.m.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

ADawn Nelson, Secretary