



**PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING**  
**(Held at the Red Lake Watershed District**  
**Meeting Room and Via Zoom Video**  
**Conferencing)**  
**June 16, 2022**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Supervisors Present:**

Ricky Peterson, Chair  
Linda Hanson, Vice-Chair  
ADawn Nelson, Secretary  
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  
Donna Christianson, Outreach Coordinator  
Jill Fejszes, Farm Bill Biologist  
Nico Bennett, NRCS  
Zoey Magner, Conservation Corps Apprentice

**Guest:**

Grant Nelson, Ag Services Coordinator  
Logan Handyside, TSA Engineer

The meeting was held at the Red Lake Watershed District Meeting Room and via Zoom Video Conferencing. Ricky Peterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Ricky completed a roll call of all supervisors and staff and welcomed guests.

**ADawn made a motion, seconded by Kevin to approve the revised agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Linda made a motion, seconded by ADawn to approve the May 19, 2022, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.**

Barb reviewed the May 2022 Financial Report. She also reported the matured CD ending in 3595 at Border Bank was reinvested to 5636 at a rate of .50%. **Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn to approve the May 2022 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

<b>Sjoberg's</b>	<b>\$ 66.95</b>
<b>Marco Technologies</b>	<b>\$ 87.65</b>
<b>RRVCSA</b>	<b>\$ 62.31</b>
<b>Marshall SWCD</b>	<b>\$ 31.25</b>
<b>Evergreen Catering</b>	<b>\$ 2,598.55</b>
<b>MASWCD</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Tyler Johnsrud</b>	<b>\$ 10.69</b>
<b>Verizon</b>	<b>\$ 112.84</b>
<b>Chase Card Services</b>	<b>\$ 1,397.22</b>
<b>HDR Engineering, Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 403.58</b>
<b>The Times</b>	<b>\$ 126.50</b>
<b>RMB Lab</b>	<b>\$ 1,303.00</b>
<b>Braun Intertec</b>	<b>\$ 8,148.00</b>

**All in favor, motion carried.**

Introductions took place. Logan Handyside was introduced as the new TSA Engineer for the northern nine districts of Area 1.

**ADawn made a motion, seconded by Kevin to make the final payment on the following percent-based CWF Thief River Grade Stabilization Cost-share contract for 3 SWI's:**

**TRSWI\_FY20-04 Joe Hruby \$ 1,143.60**

**All in favor, motion carried.**

Peter read the resolution submitted by Wilkin SWCD. It was unanimously accepted.

As part of the resolution discussion, the Board would like to see additional cost-share dollars available for tree plantings. Peter stated there is an approved state resolution (08-2020) submitted to BWSR about state cost-share for farmstead windbreak and living snow fence establishment. After some discussion, the Board suggested lobbying our legislators to improve EQIP rates on tree planting practices. They also discussed developing a tree planting cost-share policy with Riparian Aid funding. This topic will be discussed at greater length before the 2023 annual budget is proposed.

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A three-hour tour of SWCD projects is being planned for supervisors and staff after the July 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. The event will highlight some of our past and present projects while acting as a precursor for next year's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour.

**Motion by ADawn, seconded by Greg authorizing the District Manager to sign the DNR Professional and Technical Services Contract for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for observation well monitoring not to exceed \$1,680.00. All in favor, motion carried.**

The SWCD was awarded a \$10,000.00 grant to develop a cost-share policy to use for the eradication of invasive weeds in the county. The agreement has a \$2,500.00 match and will expire on December 31, 2024. **Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn authorizing the District Manager to sign the Cooperative Weed Management Area Program Grant Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**

Bryanna reported on the Well Water Testing clinic to take place August 22-25. The cost is \$25 per sample, testing for Nitrates, E. coli, and Total Coliform Bacteria. The District has previously provided cost-share. **ADawn made a motion, seconded by Linda to charge \$10 per water sample with the District paying the remaining \$15 during the 2022 Well Water Testing Clinic. All in favor, motion carried.**

The Board discussed different items to be purchased for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023:

- **Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn to purchase 100 pocket calendars with a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo and SWCD contact information printed on them from Myron. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **ADawn made a motion, seconded by Linda to purchase 500 of the carousel spin pens with a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo and SWCD contact information printed on them from Myron. All in favor, motion carried.**
- An insulated travel tumbler from 4imprint was also discussed to be used an award for the photo contest and for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The tumbler would have a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo imprinted on the front and could be used for hot or cold drinks. Greg asked the staff to have a couple of other types of tumblers available at the next Board meeting for discussion.
- Baseball caps with our logo and tear off calendars with pictures of District projects were also suggested. More information will be obtained for discussion at a later date.

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- The logo that Patrice Delany, the District's 2021 Summer Intern, had created was discussed. The Board felt it may be too detailed to use as the logo printed on items but thought it would look great as a banner or hanging picture in the office.

The next TSA Board Meeting will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future structure of the north pod. Peter showed the Board three options. The Board's recommendation is Option 1, having one SWCD employ the engineering staff. They were open to hiring the engineering staff as Pennington employees.

Employee reports were reviewed.

NRCS report was reviewed.

No correspondence.

Grant gave an update regarding questions he has received about pesticides and weed control.

The next Board meeting will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., in the SWCD conference room. Lunch followed by the SWCD Supervisor and Staff Summer Tour will take place after the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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ADawn Nelson, Secretary