



PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING
(Held at the American Legion
and via Zoom Video Conferencing
due to Covid-19 and Governor's
Peacetime Emergency Order)
February 18, 2021
10:00 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

Ricky Peterson, Chair
Linda Hanson, Vice-Chair
Greg Hilgeman, Treasurer
ADawn Nelson, Secretary

Staff Present:

Peter Nelson, District Manager
Barb Molskness, District Coordinator
Bryanna Grefthen, Water Resource Specialist
Matthew Sorvig, Resource Technician
Donna Christianson, Outreach Coordinator
Jill Fejszes, Farm Bill Biologist

Guest Present:

Bryan Malone, Becker SWCD District Administrator
Luther Newton, District Conservationist - CST Leader

Absent:

Brenda Szymanski, Chair
Nico Bennett, NRCS

The meeting was held at the American Legion and via Zoom Video Conferencing. Ricky Peterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Ricky completed a roll call of all supervisors and staff and asked if there were any visitors joining the meeting. All supervisors present, except for Brenda Szymanski. All staff present except for Nico Bennett. Guests present, Bryan Malone and Luther Newton.

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

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

Barb reviewed the 2020 Annual Financial Report. Linda made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the unaudited 2020 Annual Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Barb reviewed the January 2021 Financial Report. Linda made a motion, seconded by ADawn to approve the January 2021 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve payment of the following bills, tabling NACD dues:

Chase Card Service	\$ 43.16
TRF Times	\$ 3,066.85
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Marco Technologies	\$ 26.53
Verizon	\$ 55.16
Becker SWCD	\$ 785.57
Innovative Office Supply	\$ 114.42
MN IT Services	\$ 63.21
Lakes Country Service Co-op	\$ 3,816.00
NACDE Dues	\$ 60.00
MACDE Dues	\$ 120.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn to raise the capital asset threshold from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by ADawn authorizing the District Manager to sign the Board of Water and Soil Resources Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement for Phase 2 of the County Ditch 96 Outlet Stabilization Project in the amount of \$516,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda authorizing the District Manager to sign the Conservation Corps Agreement to hire an apprentice for three months this summer at a rate not to exceed \$6,600.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Information received by the NW MN AgBMP Loan Area showed different priority rankings among Districts. Roseau, Marshall, and W. Polk reported tillage projects as their main priority while Pennington, Red Lake, and E. Polk reported septic systems, wells, and manure storage basins as their main priority. After much discussion, the NW MN AgBMP Loan Area Board decided to continue taking applications on a first come first serve basis,

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moving septic system applications to the top of the list once approval is received from all counties. The program won't be promoted so liberally until more funding is available.

Three potential candidates for the supervisor position were contacted but all declined. Three new candidates were named during the meeting. The District Manager will check to see if any of these folks are interested in accepting the position. The person filling this position would be appointed by the Board until the next election in 2022.

Donna reported a virtual poster contest for 4th and 5th graders from Goodridge and St. Bernard's schools is being planned. The stewardship theme for this year is: "Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities." Due to the pandemic, there won't be a mural category for the contest. **Linda made a motion, seconded by ADawn to award four individual winners \$50.00 each. All in favor, motion carried.**

The Annual Plan for 2021 was reviewed. **Motion by ADawn, seconded by Linda to approve the 2021 Annual Plan with the suggested changes. All in favor, motion carried.**

The 2021 Revised Budget was reviewed. **Motion by Greg, seconded by Linda to approve the 2021 Revised Budget. All in favor, motion carried.**

Employee reports were reviewed.

Luther Newton reviewed the NRCS report with the Board.

No new correspondence to review.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 18th, at 10 a.m. Venue to be determined.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

ADawn Nelson, Secretary