



PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING
(Held at the American Legion
and Via Zoom Video Conferencing)
June 17, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

Ricky Peterson, Chair
Linda Hanson, Vice-Chair
Greg Hilgeman, Treasurer
ADawn Nelson, Secretary
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
Patrice Delany, Conservation Corps Apprentice

Absent:

Matthew Sorvig, Resource Technician

The meeting was held at the American Legion and via Zoom Video Conferencing. Ricky Peterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 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. All staff present except for Matt Sorvig and Jill Fejszes who joined the meeting late. No guests present.

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

ADawn made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the May 20, 2021, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn to approve payment for the following bills:

Sjoberg's	\$ 66.95
Marco Technologies	\$ 42.65
Bailey Nursery	\$ 731.50
Lincoln-Oaks Nursery	\$ 930.50
Kittson SWCD	\$ 39.50
Chase Card Service	\$ 990.95
Verizon	\$ 50.16
Fricke Consulting LLC	\$ 111.19
Becker SWCD	\$ 130.78
MN IT Services	\$ 62.31
Agassiz Seed	\$ 3,959.00
Tree Pro	\$ 440.00
Conservation Corps MN & Iowa	\$ 1,100.00
Tom Ballard	\$ 300.00
Houston Engineering	\$11,063.25
Wade Joppru	\$ 700.00

All in favor, motion carried.

ADawn made a motion, seconded by Kevin authorizing payment to Northland Community College in the amount of \$33,000.00 for the final payment on the Clean Water Fund Drainage System Outlet Analysis Grant #C17-0535. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn to pay the following flat rate Buffer Cost-share payment:

BFY18-82 Michael Anderson \$100.00

All in favor, motion carried.

ADawn made a motion, seconded by Kevin to amend the following information on Buffer Cost-share contract #BFY18-54:

- 1. Amend the name on the contract from Donovan Dyrdal to Greg Drydal as Donovan passed away and Greg will now fulfill the contract.**
- 2. Amend the flat rate payment amount from \$7,500.00 to \$3,700.00 as the number of acres has changed from 25 acres to 18.5 acres.**

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn to pay the following flat rate Buffer Cost-share payment:

BFY18-54 Greg Drydal \$3,700.00

All in favor, motion carried.

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Donna reported an MACDE Grant of \$1,219.87 was awarded to the District to purchase a GoPro for outreach purposes. **Motion by ADawn, seconded by Linda approving the reimbursable MACDE contract #MEGA-03021 in the amount of \$1,219.87. All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Greg, seconded by Kevin approving the proposal from Northern Technologies LLC in the amount of \$15,132.00 for geotechnology exploration and consulting services on the County Ditch 96 Stability Project. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Linda, seconded by ADawn authorizing the District Manager to sign the DNR Professional and Technical Services Contract for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for observation well monitoring not to exceed \$2,400.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by ADawn, seconded by Linda approving the DNR payment invoice of \$1,680.00 for observation well monitoring for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Barb gave an update on the plans for the Summer Celebration on June 24th. The event will have a picnic theme honoring our award winners from the last two years. Grant Nelson will MC, the staff will present the District Highlights for 2020, and the “Woodpicks” are booked as the entertainment.

Bryanna reported on the printing cost for AIS sign designs. **ADawn made a motion, seconded by Greg approving a \$1,000.00 budget for the purchase of two aluminum AIS sign motifs. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADawn made a motion, seconded by Linda approving the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Upgrade Contract #FY20-02 for William Reynolds in the amount of \$12,000.00 pending the final design. All in favor, motion carried.

A new budget was presented to the TSA Executive Committee that included the following for 1 year:

- ✓ Each SWCD would pay \$2,313.00 in dues to the RRVCSA.
- ✓ Each SWCD would receive \$12,500.00 in dispersed funds for T/E.
- ✓ The personnel structure would remain the same.
- ✓ The shared engineer’s time would remain at 15%.

The year would allow time for the TSA to apply for a PRAP Grant for an outside consultant to help guide and assist the committee’s upcoming decision on how the TSA should be restructured. After further discussion, the Board approved this option.

Attendance at the Area 1 SWCD Summer Meeting was good, and everyone enjoyed getting back together in person. Great discussion on the agenda items and updates from the state, BWSR, and NRCS. Five resolutions were presented and passed.

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Employee reports were reviewed.

NRCS report was reviewed.

Correspondence reviewed:

- SWCD Supervisor Orientation is being offered in July. New and seasoned supervisors are encouraged to attend.

The next Board meeting will be held at the American Legion on Thursday, July 15th, at 9 a.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

ADawn Nelson, Secretary