



PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING

February 18, 2020

9 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

Brenda Szymanski, Chair
Ricky Peterson, Vice-Chair
Greg Hilgeman, Treasurer
Linda Hanson, Secretary
Grant Nelson, PR&I

Staff Present:

Bryan Malone, District Manager
Barb Molskness, District Coordinator
Peter Nelson, Water Plan Coordinator
Donna Christianson, Outreach Coordinator
Bryanna Grefthen, District Technician
Matthew Sorvig, Resource Technician
Luther Newton, NRCS

Absent:

Jill Fejszes, Farm Bill Biologist

The meeting was held in the USDA/SWCD Conference Room and called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Brenda Szymanski, Chair.

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

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Grant to approve the January 21, 2020, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Barb reviewed the 2019 Annual Financial Report and the January 2020 Financial Report. **Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the unaudited 2019 Annual Financial Report and the January 2020 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

TRF Times/Watch	\$	44.00
Verizon	\$	50.16
Chase	\$	1,917.45
TRF Times/Watch	\$	2,952.91

All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Grant to pay the MACPZA membership dues of \$140.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Grant made a motion, seconded by Linda to sign the pledge security documents for Northern State Bank. All in favor, motion carried.

A Cooperative Weed Management Grant Agreement to implement a group of stakeholders to identify noxious weeds and get a baseline map of problem areas established was presented to the Board. **Greg made a motion, seconded by Grant authorizing Bryan to sign as the District's authorized representative for the \$13,000 BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Area Program Grant Agreement which will expire on December 31, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.**

A Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement to identify high priority areas of source reduction for the implementation of cover crops and grade stabilization structures in the Lower Thief River and JD30 subwatersheds was presented to the Board. **Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky authorizing Bryan to sign as the District's authorized representative for the \$256,666 BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants Program Grant Agreement which will expire on December 31, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.**

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Grant to purchase 100 District pocket calendars for 2021 at a cost of \$3.29 each from Myron Corporation. All in favor, motion carried.

Grant made a motion, seconded by Ricky authorizing the purchase of 2,500 license holders in the amount of \$1,396.00 and 1000 fishing rulers in the amount of \$2,495.00 from Printing Plus to be used for AIS outreach events. All in favor, motion carried.

An agreement to pool buffer cost-share funds with West Polk SWCD was presented to the Board. **Ricky made a motion, seconded by Linda not to sign the agreement with West Polk SWCD as additional funding is still needed in Pennington County. All in favor, motion carried.**

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Barb gave an update on the banquet plans. The banquet will be held on Thursday, April 16th, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Entertainment will be supplied by the Woodpicks, the meal catered by Putzy, and Grant our master of ceremonies. The Board decided to keep the ticket price at \$12.00 again this year. Barb will continue coordinating the event.

Bryan reviewed the 2020 Annual Plan noting the changes from the 2019 plan. **Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the 2020 Annual Plan. All in favor, motion carried.**

Bryan reviewed the 2020 Revised Budget. **Greg made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve the 2020 Revised Budget in the amount of \$1,701,813. All in favor, motion carried.**

Donna informed the Board of one change in the Poster/Mural Contest. This year 4th and 5th graders will be competing in the Poster/Mural Contest instead of 5th and 6th graders. The Board decided to keep the cash prizes the same as last year:

- \$50.00 each for three individual winners
- \$100.00 for one mural winner

Employee reports were reviewed.

Luther Newton, NRCS, stated he had just received notice that the 2020 EQIP application deadline will be March 13th. He also noted February is Black History Month.

No correspondence for this meeting.

A photo was taken of the Board for 2020.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19th, at 9 a.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Linda Hanson, Secretary