



PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING
(Held at the Red Lake Watershed District
Meeting Room and Via Zoom Video
Conferencing)
May 19, 2022
9:00 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

Ricky Peterson, Chair
Linda Hanson, Vice-Chair
ADawn Nelson, Secretary (Via Zoom)
Greg Hilgeman, Treasurer
Kevin Wilde, PR

Staff Present:

Peter Nelson, District Manager
Barb Molskness, District Coordinator
Larissa Fitzgerald, District Technician
Donna Christianson, Outreach Coordinator
Jill Fejszes, Farm Bill Biologist
Nico Bennett, NRCS
Zoey Magner, Conservation Corps Apprentice

Absent:

Bryanna Grefthen, Water Resource Specialist

Guest:

Grant Nelson, Ag Services Coordinator

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 9:13 a.m. Ricky completed a roll call of all supervisors and staff and welcomed Grant Nelson.

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

Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn to approve the April 21, 2022, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Barb reviewed the April 2022 Financial Report. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the April 2022 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Kevin to let the matured CD ending in 5743 at Northern State Bank roll over at a rate of .45%. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin authorizing the renewal or reinvestment of the CD ending in 3595 expiring at Border Bank at the end of May after current rate information is provided to Greg and Ricky for approval. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Sjoberg's	\$ 66.95
Marco Technologies	\$ 102.85
Verizon	\$ 60.24
Chase Card Services	\$ 2,798.52
MN IT Services	\$ 63.07
Kittson SWCD	\$ 111.25
East Polk SWCD	\$ 95.00
Roseau SWCD	\$ 1,176.66
Schumacher's	\$ 16,962.00
Dale Anderson	\$ 1,187.00
RRVCSA	\$ 2,313.00
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The GreenWorld Project	\$ 566.89
The Times	\$ 1,374.00
Hall's Floral	\$ 44.89
True Temp.	\$ 620.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Zoey Magner was introduced as the Pennington SWCD Conservation Corps Summer Apprentice for 2022.

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Greg made a motion, seconded by Kevin approving the Memorandum of Agreement between Pennington SWCD and Marshall SWCD for the implementation of the 2020 BWSR Clean Water Fund Grant for grade stabilization structures in the Lower Thief River and JD30/18/13 Planning Regions. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the following percent-based Clean Water Fund Cost-Share contract for Phase II of the CD96 Streambank and Shoreline Protection Project:

FY21CWF-01 Pennington County \$ 446,837.25

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin to approve the following percent-based Red Lake River 1W1P Watershed Based Implementation Fund Cost-Share contract for Phase II of the CD96 Streambank and Shoreline Protection Project:

FY20_WBIF_02_PSWCD Pennington County \$ 20,306.88

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to return the balance of the 2019 State Cost-Share Fund to BWSR in the amount of \$ 2,432.98. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Greg approving Barb and Donna to attend the 2022 Administrative Session at Cragun's Resort on June 29-30. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Kevin approving Bryanna to attend the MASWCD Leadership Institute Class of 2022-2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion seconded by Greg to approve the following policy for trees planted by the District: If the tree cost is \$500 or more, a 50% non-refundable down payment is required by November 15th. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda extending an offer to Ryan and Kayla Bruggeman to replace the outside row of their 2021 planting with a row on the inside. The District would charge the Bruggeman's the tree cost and waive the \$500 planting fee. All in favor, motion carried.

Peter updated the Board on the Resource Technician position. One completed application was received. The applicant never responded when contacted to come in for an interview. The position will be reposted as open until filled.

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One applicant, with a PE in Civil Engineering, was interviewed for the RRVCSA Engineering Position. An offer was made with the salary mirroring the NRCS GS step scale. The position will be based out of Thief River Falls with a six-month probationary period. Currently waiting for the applicant's acceptance.

The next TSA Board Meeting will be held on June 1st to discuss the future structure of the entity. Peter showed the Board three options to address the current and future engineering workload in the TSA area. The north district's recommendation is model 2, maintaining the RRVCSA structure and board with sub grants and agreements made with the northern pod, Becker, and West Otter Tail.

Two resolutions were proposed:

1. Windbreak planting reinforcement – expressed need for program eligibility
2. Dissolving the TSA and send that funding directly to the districts

Employee reports were reviewed.

NRCS report was reviewed.

Correspondence

- A thank you note from a Challenger Elementary School kindergarten class for their Arbor Day trees.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 16th at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District meeting room.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

ADawn Nelson, Secretary