



PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING
(Held at the Red Lake Watershed District
Meeting Room and Via Zoom Video
Conferencing)
March 17, 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
Bryanna Grefthen, Water Resource Specialist
Matthew Sorvig, Resource Technician
Donna Christianson, Outreach Coordinator
Jill Fejszes, Farm Bill Biologist
Nico Bennett, NRCS

Guest:

Luther Newton, NRCS

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 9:12 a.m. Ricky completed a roll call of all supervisors and staff and welcomed Luther Newton, guest in attendance.

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

Linda made a motion, seconded by ADawn to approve the February 17, 2022, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Barb reviewed the February 2022 Financial Report and reported the matured CD at Border Bank was renewed for thirteen months at a rate of .45%. **Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin to approve the February 2022 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

Sjoberg's	\$ 66.95
Evergreen Catering	\$ 291.48
Marco Technologies	\$ 58.25
Verizon	\$ 60.24
Chase Card Services	\$ 196.51
HDR Engineering	\$ 4,165.88
MN IT Services	\$ 60.41
Innovative	\$ 365.44
Quick Print	\$ 197.50

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin to approve payment for Linder's Angling Buzz invoice in the amount of \$400.00 and NCOR's invoice in the amount of \$3,000.00 for 2022 AIS prevention services. All in favor, motion carried. The Board also asked Bryanna to research sources of funding for an AIS boat wash station.

The Annual Plan for 2022 was reviewed. The Board requested a few changes be incorporated into the plan. **Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the 2022 Annual Plan with the requested changes. All in favor, motion carried.**

The 2022 Revised Budget was reviewed. **ADawn made a motion, seconded by Kevin to approve the 2022 Revised Budget. All in favor, motion carried.**

Donna reported we will have a booth at the Home, Sport & Family Show on April 9th and 10th. The Times credited the booth rental fee we prepaid in 2020 towards this year's fee.

Stewardship Week is going to be held April 24th – May 1st. The theme for this year is "Heathy Soil: Healthy Life." In the past, we have supplied bulletin inserts for the churches to distribute during Stewardship Week. The bulletin inserts are not available this year, and NACD will probably be discontinuing them.

Linda made a motion, seconded by ADawn to sponsor two campers at a cost of \$475.00 each to attend the Long Lake Conservation Camp in July. All in favor, motion carried.

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Plans for the annual banquet are in high gear. The banquet will be held at the Legacy Event Center in Thief River Falls on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Joe and Billy Kezar. Evergreen Catering will serve the meal and Grant Nelson will emcee. Ticket cost is \$15.00. Ten potted Black Hills Spruce trees and the potted flowers used for decorations will be given away as door prizes.

Tony Norby from Houston Engineering updated the Board regarding Amendment 1 to the scope of services and fees for the Thief River Falls Streambank Stabilization Projects. A new slough recently occurred on the Hartz Park site. Houston Engineering recommends separating the Hartz Park Project from the original plan and make it a separate project. Project plans and specifications will need to be altered. Costs for modifications to the plan and work performed outside the original scope, increased the overall budget. **Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve Amendment 1 for an increased budget amount of \$13,937.00. All in favor, motion carried.**

The new estimated cost from Houston Engineering for services related to extending the scope of the project to cover the recent the Hartz Park slough is estimated to be \$27,822.00. **Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin approving the new Hartz Park Streambank Stabilization Project Extension Agreement in the amount of \$27,822.00. All in favor, motion carried.**

Peter updated the Board regarding the recent TSA Meeting. The north counties proposed hiring an engineer and a technician. The south counties were concerned there wouldn't be enough work for two positions. The north area stated they would assume full responsibility for the expenses incurred by the two positions.

Employee reports were reviewed.

NRCS report was reviewed.

Correspondence reviewed:

- MCIT article regarding open meeting law and remote attendance.

The next Board meeting will be held on April 21st at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District meeting room followed by the Local Work Group Meeting starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch to follow.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

ADawn Nelson, Secretary