



PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING
(Held at the Red Lake Watershed District
Meeting Room and Via Zoom Video
Conferencing)
February 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

Absent:

Nico Bennett, NRCS

Guest:

Waylon Hirst, County Resident (via Zoom)

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 9:08 a.m. Ricky completed a roll call of all supervisors and staff and welcomed Waylon Hirst, guest in attendance via Zoom.

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

ADawn made a motion, seconded by Kevin to approve the January 20, 2022, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

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

Sjoberg's	\$	66.95
Verizon	\$	60.24
Office of State Auditor	\$	124.00
TRF Times	\$	3,519.30
TRF Times	\$	46.00
Chase Card Services	\$	1,038.54
Houston Engineering	\$	2,310.00
HDR Engineering	\$	4,894.40
MN IT Services	\$	59.55

All in favor, motion carried.

ADawn made a motion, seconded by Linda authorizing Greg Hilgeman, Secretary Treasurer, to sign the Northern State Bank Pledge Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Peter explained a correction needed to be made on the HEI Hartz Park Extension Proposal. The document will be updated and put on a future agenda for approval.

ADawn made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the Braun Hartz Park Geotechnical Proposal in the amount of \$17,928.00 for a geotechnical evaluation and slope stability analysis on a portion of riverbank that recently sloughed into the Red Lake River. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by ADawn to approve the 2022 billing rates retroactive to January 1, 2022, contingent upon BWSR and District Manager approval. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by ADawn, seconded by Linda approving the additions to the employee handbook for medical leave donation contingent on MCIT and County Attorney review and Juneteenth Holiday. All in favor, motion carried.

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Motion by Linda, seconded by Kevin approving the FY22 MDA Grant of \$1,100.00 for buckthorn removal and authorizing the District Manager to sign the agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Greg, 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 \$7,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Donna and Larissa are excited to present this year's poster contest theme, "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life", to the 4th and 5th graders from Goodridge and St. Bernard's Schools.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Kevin to present awards to four poster contest winners (three \$50.00 individual winners and either a \$100.00 mural or a fourth \$50.00 individual winner). All in favor, motion carried.

Barb gave an update on the upcoming banquet. She contacted the Legacy Event Center for available dates. They have April 5th, 7th, and 19th open. Cost to rent the venue is \$300.00 per day with 50% down. A dropdown projector, mic system, tables, decorations, and table set up and take down are included in the rental fee. Barb has also made some contacts for entertainment and catering. The Board gave Barb approval to go forward with the planning.

Employee reports were reviewed.

NRCS report was reviewed.

Correspondence reviewed:

- Northwest Area 1 Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting will be held on March 15th at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnommen.
- Peter reported on the on the legislative update meeting he attended.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 17th at 9:00 a.m. Venue to be determined.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

ADawn Nelson, Secretary