



**PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING**  
**(Held at the Pennington County Government Center**  
**Due to Covid-19 and Governor's**  
**Peacetime Emergency Order)**  
**October 20, 2020**  
**8 A.M.**

**Supervisors Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Bryan Malone, District Manager  
Barb Molskness, District Coordinator  
Peter Nelson, Water Plan Coordinator  
Bryanna Grefthen, District Technician  
Matthew Sorvig, Resource Technician  
Donna Christianson, Outreach Coordinator  
Jill Fejszes, Farm Bill Biologist

**Absent:**

Nico Bennett, NRCS

The meeting was held at the Pennington County Government Center in Meeting Room B. Brenda Szymanski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

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

Bryan Malone reviewed the MASWCD Resolutions. Discussion and official voting took place for each resolution.

**Linda made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the September 15, 2020, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.**

Grant joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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Barb reviewed the September 2020 Financial Report. **Greg made a motion, seconded by Grant to approve the September 2020 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Brenda left the meeting at 9:09 a.m. Ricky Peterson, Vice-Chair, assumed the duties of Chair.

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

<b>Chase Card Service</b>	<b>\$ 1,620.11</b>
<b>Verizon</b>	<b>\$ 50.16</b>
<b>RMB Labs</b>	<b>\$ 927.00</b>
<b>School Specialty</b>	<b>\$ 547.92</b>
<b>MN IT Services</b>	<b>\$ 62.55</b>
<b>AC Analytical</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>Lakes Country Service Coop</b>	<b>\$ 3,816.00</b>
<b>Lakes Country Service Coop</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>
<b>The Farmer Magazine</b>	<b>\$ 43.95</b>

**All in favor, motion carried.**

**Grant made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the following percent-based Thief River Grade Stabilization and Cover Crop Implementation Cost-share contracts:**

<b>TRSWI_FY20-02</b>	<b>Rodney Hoffman</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>
<b>TRSWI_FY20-03</b>	<b>Paul Srnsky</b>	<b>\$ 7,875.00</b>

**All in favor, motion carried.**

**Greg made a motion, seconded by Grant to amend Kelly Lundeen's percent-based Buffer Cost-share contract BFY18-53 from \$17,500.00 to \$26,250.00 for three additional SWI's. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Grant made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the following percent-based Buffer Cost-share contract:**

<b>BFY18-60</b>	<b>Wayne Harder</b>	<b>\$ 2,625.00</b>
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**All in favor, motion carried.**

**Grant made a motion, seconded by Linda to pay the following percent-based State Cost-share applications for well sealing:**

<b>FY18-04</b>	<b>Lyle Swanson</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
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**All in favor, motion carried.**

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**Greg made a motion, seconded by Grant authorizing the District Manager to sign as the District's authorized representative on the FY2021 State of Minnesota BWSR Clean Water Fund SWCD Local Capacity Services (P21-2736) and Buffer Law Implementation Program (P21-2826) Grant Agreement in the amount of \$148,294.00. The grant expires on December 31, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.**

Peter talked to the Board about changing the Pennington SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Policy to match the Red Lake River Watershed Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy. **Motion by Greg, seconded by Grant to adopt the Red Lake River Watershed Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy as the Pennington SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Policy.**

**Motion by Greg, seconded by Grant to approve Peter Nelson's increase in Engineering Job Approval Authority to Job Class III for side inlets. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Greg, seconded by Linda authorizing the District Manager to sign as the District's authorized representative on the State of Minnesota Professional and Technical Services Master Joint Powers Agreement (#184188) in the amount of \$450.00 for easement delivery. The agreement expires June 30, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.**

The MASWCD Annual Convention will be held virtually this year on December 8<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming out shortly.

NRCS is working on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will combine all NRCS/District agreements into one. The agreement will address the sharing of resources and describe the operational and working relationships between the District and NRCS. The document should be ready for signature by the end of the year. After this is completed, a new Cooperative Agreement will be developed. This agreement will be used to exchange computers/phones for service.

Employee reports were reviewed.

NRCS report was reviewed.

Correspondence regarding membership dues from NACD was reviewed.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start with the Area 1 "Virtual" Fall Meeting at 9 a.m. followed by the Pennington SWCD Board Meeting shortly after. Venue to be determined.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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Linda Hanson, Secretary