

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
October 10, 2023 – Carlton SWCD Office, Carlton MN

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Board Chair Bob Fox.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken:

Board Members present: Barb Dahl
 Bob Fox
 Bruce Heikes
 Tim Michaelson
 Kim Samuelson

Staff present: Cameron Gustafson, Community Conservationist

Meeting Agenda: A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda. M/S Dahl/Heikes. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 regular SWCD Board meeting. M/S Heikes/Dahl. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Dahl. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. M/S Michaelson/Heikes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: No Financial Report.

SWCD Committee Reports: None

One Watershed One Plan Reports:

- Nemadji River: Report by Heikes.
 - A motion was made to approve resolution to fund Pine County SWCD Wetland Restoration Project (not to exceed \$4000) at T045N R017W Sec 05. M/S Dahl/Heikes. Motion carried.
- St. Louis River: No report.
- Kettle River: Report by Samuelson that there is a month delay in the plan.
- Upper Mississippi, Grand Rapids: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Motion to change the December Board Meeting to Monday, December 4 to allow for attendance at MASWCD Annual Convention held on December 11-13. Motion M/S Michaelson/Dahl. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the P24-0048 2024 Buffer Law Implementation Grant Agreement for \$2500. Motion M/S Michaelson/Dahl. Motion carried.
- Discuss new Cost Share Program through BWSR Conservation Contracts Program.
- Discussion on any Resolution Questions.

Correspondence: None

SWCD Cost Share Projects:

Carlton County Transportation Department Stream Stabilization and Grade Stabilization Project (associated with the CSAH 6 Elim Bridge Project)

- Contract: C21-8244
 - Practice: Stream Stabilization (580) and Grade Stabilization (410)
 - Funding: Clean Water Fund Grant – Net River Sediment Reduction Project
 - Amount: \$517,122.50 - Clean Water Fund C21-8244
 - 009-606-038 Agreement Authorizing the following matching grant funds to be used towards this project:
 - Great Lakes Commission Grant: \$173,896.31 for Stream Stabilization (580) and Grade Stabilization (410) practices
 - Skunk Creek 319 Grant: \$200,000.00 for culvert to bridge replacement
- Motion to approve funding. M/S Heikes/Dahl. Motion carried.

Dan Benzie Nemadji Woodland Stewardship Plan Contract

- Contract: C21-8755-WSP-001
 - Practice: Woodland Stewardship Plan
 - Funding: C21-8755 Nemadji Watershed Based Implementation Fund, First Biennium
 - Amount: \$4,920.00
- Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Heikes. Motion carried.

Joe and Arlene Kelley Knotweed Project

- Contract: 2022 BWSR CWMA-3
 - Practice: Invasive Species Removal
 - Funding: 2022 BWSR CWMA
 - Amount: \$134.85
- Motion to approve funding. M/S Michaelson/Heikes. Motion carried.

Slattengren/Roe Shoreline Restoration Project

- Contract: Big Sandy 319-1
 - Practice: Shoreline Restoration
 - Funding: Big Sandy 319
 - Amount: \$3,404.40
- Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Heikes. Motion carried.

Walters Shoreline Restoration Project

- Contract: BWSR State Cost Share
 - Practice: Shoreline Restoration
 - Funding: BWSR State Cost Share 2022 & 2023
 - Amount: \$7,175.58 - BWSR State Cost Share 2022
\$3.42 - BWSR State Cost Share 2023
- Motion to approve funding. M/S Michaelson/Heikes. Motion carried.

Kellerman L2L Pollinator Raingarden Project

Contract: SSL and Carlton L2L
Practice: Raingarden
Funding: 2022 L2L Carlton and SSL SWCD
Amount: \$500.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Heikes. Motion carried.

Lemieux Knotweed Project

Contract: 2022 BWSR CSMA-5
Practice: Invasive Species Removal
Funding: 2022 BWSR CWMA
Amount: \$150.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Heikes/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Lemieux L2L Pollinator Pocket

Contract: FY22 L2L-12
Practice: Pollinator Pocket
Funding: 2022 Lawns to Legumes
Amount: \$255.65
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Heikes. Motion carried.

Schmidt Grade Stabilization Control Structure Project

Contract: BWSR Nemadji-3
Practice: Grade Stabilization Control Structure
Funding: C21-8755 Nemadji Watershed Implementation – Ag BMPs
Amount: \$22,468.83
Motion to approve funding. M/S Heikes/Dahl. Motion carried.

Stoltz L2L Pollinator Meadow Project

Contract: FY22-24
Practice: Pollinator Meadow
Funding: 2022 Lawns to Legumes
Amount: \$279.18
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Fischer-Merritt Water and Sediment Control Basin

Contract: Nemadji-2
Practice: Water and Sediment Control Basin
Funding: C21-8755 Nemadji Watershed Implementation – Ag BMPs
Amount: \$50,241.60
Motion to approve funding. M/S Heikes/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Reports:

- SWCD Staff Reports – as presented in packet.
- NRCS Staff Report – as presented in packet.

Outside Organizations:

- BSALWMP – report presented by Dahl
- Laurentian RC&D – report presented by Samuelson
- MN SWCD Forestry Assoc – no report
- Technical Services Area 3 – report presented by Fox

County Commissioner Comments: no report.

Ten Minute Topic: none

Other Business:

- Outstanding Conservationist Award Recognition – postponed until further notice. Gustafson will keep everyone updated as to when the recognition will be held, and the award winner will let the SWCD know if they can attend the MASWCD Convention.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:52 am. M/S Heikes/Dahl. Motion approved.

Next meeting – Monday, November 13, 2023 in the Carlton SWCD meeting room (808 3rd Street, Carlton MN).

Date _____

SWCD Board Secretary

SWCD Board Chair