

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
May 13, 2024 – Carlton SWCD Office, Carlton MN

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Board Chair Bob Fox. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken:

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

Staff present: Brad Matlack, District Manager
Julie Radovich, Asst. Manager, Office Operations
Cameron Gustafson, Water Resources Technician
Jenny Sherrin, Community Conservationist
Kate Reitzel, Administrative Assistant

Guests present: Susan Zmyslony, Carlton County
Melanie Bomier, BWSR

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

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 regular SWCD Board meeting. M/S Michaelson/Dahl. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for April 2024 was presented by Dahl and was received for filing.

Financial Report: No report.

SWCD Committee Reports: No reports.

One Watershed One Plan Reports:

- ❖ **Nemadji River:** No report
- ❖ **St Louis River:** No report
- ❖ **Kettle River:** A motion was made to approve both the Resolution to Adopt and Implement the Kettle River and Upper St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and the Joint Powers Agreement for Implementation. M/S Samuelson/Michaelson. Motion carried.
- ❖ **Upper Mississippi – Grand Rapids:** Dahl reported on recent and upcoming meetings and the status of the projects.

Old Business:

- ❖ Matlack reported that there are no resolutions thus far from our SWCD to be presented at the upcoming Area III meeting.
- ❖ Matlack informed the board that a grant was received for a day-long team building/Coastal Grants program training to be held sometime this summer.

New Business:

- ❖ Radovich introduced the new Administrative Assistant Kate Reitzel and the new Community Conservationist Jenny Sherren.
- ❖ Matlack reminded board members that the 2024 filing period for open SWCD board seats closes on June 4. Those board members up for election include Dahl, Heikes, and Samuelson.
- ❖ Board members were asked if they planned to attend the upcoming June 7 Area III Resolution Meeting.

Correspondence:

- ❖ Matlack informed the board of the recent email regarding St. Louis County experience with First Amendment Audits. He gave some examples of how Carlton SWCD office personnel intend to address this issue.

Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Cost-Share Projects:

- ❖ ***Nemadji River:***

Heikes Cover Crop Application

Contract: Nemadji WBIF 2nd Biennium Non-Structural 3
Practice: Cover Crops (340)
Funding Source: Nemadji WBIF 2nd Biennium Non-Structural
Amount: \$8,349.97
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Laveau Ag Waste Storage Facility Amendment

Contract: Enbridge and Nemadji - 4
Practice: Ag Waste Storage Facility (313)
Funding Source: Nemadji WBIF 2nd Biennium Engineered/Structural Practices
Amount: \$50,000.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Samuelson/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Mud Creek Buck Company LLC, attn: Kyle Holmes

Contract: C21-8755-WSP-004
Practice: Forest Management Plan (508M)
Funding Source: Nemadji WBIF 1st Biennium Non-Structural
Amount: \$3,940.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Rodney Holmes

Contract: C21-8755-WSP-005
Practice: Forest Management Plan (508M)
Funding Source: Nemadji WBIF 1st Biennium Non-Structural
Amount: \$1,500.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Da Deer Camp, LLC, attn: Adam Dietenberger

Contract: C21-8755-WSP-006
Practice: Forest Management Plan (508M)
Funding Source: Nemadji WBIF 1st Biennium Non-Structural
Amount: \$2,900.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Samuelson/Michaelson. Motion carried.

JHC Investments, attn: Merle Steinkraus

Contract: C21-8755-WSP-008
Practice: Forest Management Plan (508M)
Funding Source: Nemadji WBIF 1st Biennium Non-Structural
Amount: \$2,420.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Michaelson. Motion carried.

❖ **St. Louis River:**

Lennartson Raingarden Application

Contract: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden BMP - 2
Practice: Raingarden
Funding Source: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden
Amount: \$500.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Samuelson/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Neumann Raingarden Application

Contract: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden BMP - 3
Practice: Raingarden
Funding Source: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden
Amount: \$500.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Cloquet Alternative School Raingarden Application

Contract: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden BMP - 6
Practice: Raingarden
Funding Source: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden
Amount: \$500.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Samuelson/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Maslowski Raingarden Application

Contract: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden BMP - 5
Practice: Raingarden
Funding Source: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden
Amount: \$500.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Samuelson/Michaelson. Motion carried.

Zegan Raingarden Application

Contract: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden BMP - 4
Practice: Raingarden
Funding Source: SLR 1W1P Riparian and Raingarden
Amount: \$500.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Dahl/Samuelson. Motion carried.

- ❖ **Kettle River:** N/A
- ❖ **Upper Mississippi-Grand Rapids:** N/A

SWCD Cost Share Projects:

Clint Krueger Ag Waste Storage Facility

Contract: BWSR 2024 Cost Share - 2
Practice: Ag Waste Storage Facility (313)
Funding Source: 2024 BWSR Cost Share
Amount: \$1,750.00
Motion to approve funding. M/S Michaelson/Dahl. Motion carried.

Staff Reports: As presented in packet.

NRCS Staff Report: As presented in packet.

County Board Report: Presented by Zmyslony.

BWSR Report: Presented by Bomier.

Ten Minute Topic Presentation: Dan Jones from Duluth Technology Systems gave a presentation about their IT services for Carlton SWCD.

Outside Organizations:

- ❖ BSALWMP – update by Dahl
- ❖ Laurentian RC&D – update by Samuelson
- ❖ MN SWCD Forestry Assoc – update by Michaelson.
- ❖ Technical Services Area 3 – update by Fox
- ❖ NE Area 3 Association of SWCDs – no report

Other Business:

- ❖ Radovich gave an update on the status of this year's plant sale. More kits have been sold thus far than any other year.
- ❖ Fox reported that Michaelson will lead the July board meeting.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 10:30 am. M/S Michaelson/Dahl. Motion approved.

Next meeting – Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Carlton SWCD meeting room (808 3rd Street, Carlton MN).

Date _____

SWCD Board Secretary

SWCD Board Chair