

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
June 12, 2023 – Carlton SWCD Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Board President Bob Fox.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call: was taken.

Board Members present:	Barb Dahl Bob Fox Tim Michaelson Kim Samuelson Bruce Heikes (arrived at 9:05 am)
Staff present:	Brad Matlack, District Manager John Stoltz, Engineering Tech Cameron Gustafson, Community Conservationist
Guests present:	Susan Zymslony, Carlton County Board

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

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 regular SWCD Board meeting. M/S Dahl/Michaelson. Motion carried.

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

The Financial Report: was presented by Matlack. The Financial Report will be in a new format and informational purposes. No board approval is needed.

Matlack also presented the 2022 Conservation Delivery Grand Final Financial Report, the 2023 First Quarter Quickbooks Report, and the 2023 SWCD Aid Update. Matlack noted that there will be an increase in statutory funding for SWCDs in Minnesota.

SWCD Committee Reports:

Information about the Area 3 Fall Meeting Agenda was presented by Dahl, Michaelson, and Gustafson. Board members will be asked to do short presentations on success stories regarding projects in their area that they are excited about.

The Awards Committee (Samuelson and Michaelson) will need to meet with Matlack and Radovich to discuss and plan this year's Conservation Awards Program.

One Watershed One Plan Reports:

- Nemadji River: Motion was made to approve the grant agreement for the Second Biennium Watershed Based Implementation Funding – C23-0009 for \$250,000 for 3 years. M/S Heikes/Dahl. Motion carried.
- St. Louis River: Michaelson reported that there is no new information.
- Kettle River: Samuelson reported on progress made.
- Upper Mississippi, Grand Rapids: Dahl reported on progress made.

Old Business:

- Staffing: Matlack gave an update on staffing.
 - John Stoltz, the new Engineering Technician, introduced himself.
- Board Member Home Computing Environment – all okay.
- Agreement with Carlton County for completion of Enbridge Projects (Clear Creek, CSAH 4 and Spring Creek, County Road 104 culverts) - \$913,036.60. Motion made to approve the funding. M/S Michaelson/Dahl. Motion carried.

New Business:

- MN DNR December Storm Damage Flight Data: Matlack reported that several calls have been received from landowners about tree damage and what they can do. The county has been picking up brush that people have been gathering and setting out for pick up. Several spoke about concerns of increased fire danger in years to come.

Correspondence: None

SWCD Cost Share Projects:

- City of Cloquet L2L Voucher Packet
Contract: # L2L FY22-12
Practice: Pollinator Meadow
Funding: FY22 – Lawns to Legumes
Amount: \$500
Motion to approve: M/S Heikes/Michaelson. Motion carried.
- Ashley Fromes – FY 23 BWSR Soil Health Voucher Packet
Contract: # FY23 BWSR Soil Health-2
Practice: 512 pasture and hay land planting
Funding: FY23 BWSR Soil Health
Amount: \$1,166.63
Motion to table this approval until the next meeting as it is the first project paid under the Soil Health program. M/S Dahl/Heikes. Motion carried.

Reports:

- SWCD Staff Reports – in packet.
- NRCS Staff Report – none presented.

Ten Minute Topic:

Ryan Clark, Regional Ag Water Quality Certification Specialist, presented information about the MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP).

Outside Organizations:

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

Other Business:

Board members were encouraged to contact Gustafson with ideas for upcoming 10 minute topic reports.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 10:37 am. M/S Michaelson/Heikes. Motion approved.

Next meeting – Monday, July 10, 2023 at the Carlton SWCD meeting room.

SWCD Board Secretary

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