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**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
District Regular Board Meeting
April 28, 2022
8:15 a.m.
County Conference Room
625 Jefferson Ave.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 8:15 am by Chair, Lynn Zabel
*Supervisors Present: Lynn Zabel, Chair, Chet Ross, Co-Chair, Sharleen Klennert,
Staff present: Terri Peters, District Manager
Treasurer, Larry Theismann, Secretary, Dag Knudsen, Member
Others present: Bob Walkes, County Commissioner
Present by phone: Sheila Harmes, Winona County Water Planner and Whitewater
Watershed Project Coordinator, John Benjamin, NRCS and Sue Cerwinske,
Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant.*

- II. **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

- III. **AGENDA**
*Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Agenda as written.
Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried*

- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker

- V. **CONSENT AGENDA** -Board Action

- VI. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
A. March 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Board Action
*Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Secretary's Report as
written.
Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried*

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. District Financial Statements - Board Action

Discussion on how to look at the district financial statements and the basis of approval. It's an issue of trusting the people who are completing these reports. Program record shows projects detail.

Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Klennert to approve the Treasurer's Report

Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$102,972.45 - Board Action

Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Ross to approve payment of the monthly bills in the amount of \$102,972.45

Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

IX. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Agency Reports – Mark Miller, DNR

- i. Doughnut and Door Prize Resolution - Coffee and Doughnuts \$100.00 and donate 100 Trees for door prizes – Board Action**

Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Ross to approve Doughnut and Door Prize Resolution of \$100.00 with an amendment of adding fruit and granola bars and to donate 100 trees for door prizes

Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

B. Chair Report – Lynn Zabel

C. County Commissioner – Bob Walkes

Bob reported that a New Zoning Administrator was hired.

D. District Manager Report – Terri Peters

Landowner Issues – Feedlot situation, Wetlands issue is an ongoing problem, WCA- for wetlands we need to follow their rules.

Buffer issues, Matt is working on. We do technical part, and if not in compliance then the County takes over. Would be good to meet new Zoning Administrator.

Attended Watershed Leadership Conference with Henry in Prairie du Chien

West Indian – set up monitoring sites and landowners who want to participate Project for WAGZ. West Indian project.

WinLaC & Zumbro meetings. Planning, work group and policy meetings.

BALLM Meeting in Winona

Wellhead protection meeting Wabasha. Assess where they are in the plan.

Olmsted – soil health demos, more cover crops program.

Quarterly reporting and invoicing

Submitted a grant application for implementation for Zumbro Safe Water, monitoring wells.

*Dept of Health interested. Developed new private well task force.
Sheila headed meeting with partners.
Bear Valley – have landowners that we can work with.
Ameri-corps looking for someone to host a person for 11 months. Contacted Katie
Himanga of Lake City. She can work with that person for a few hours each week.
“We are Water” exhibit is in Lake City starting 4-27*

- E. NRCS Report – John Benjamin (in packet)
*John problems with phone, left meeting at 8:54 am
Report as submitted in the packet.*
- F. District Technician Report- Matt Kempinger (in packet)
- G. Natural Resources Conservation Technician Report – Henry Stelten (In packet)
- H. Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant -Sue Cerwinski (in packet)

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn
*Lynn noticed after heavy rains around Potsdam & Elgin area there were gullies.
You can see how vulnerable the land is when the frost comes out and there is no
cover.
Did a survey that the U of M sent out for Modern Agriculture information.*

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Larry Gates report on Soil Erosion
*Larry started discussion about soil erosion and soil loss.
Erosion, run off, causes loss of a lot of soil. There is a lot of sediment in streams that
cause them to be classed as impaired. We need to do more to keep soil in place. Is
there something else we can do? If nothing is done, there will be consequences. Use
better soil practices. Maybe have a landowner that does these practices work with
others to show how they implemented on their land. Put together a conservation plan
to measure some performance over next 5 years.
Discussion with all present followed.*

*Bob Walkes asked about the Roller Crimper. It is available and we are sharing with
Winona. With Lance Klessig leaving we are hoping to have his position filled, as he
was the one that had wanted the roller crimper. Will need way of transporting. Hope
to get community to organize to have it where people can use it.*

*Terri follow-up on a few items. Soil Loss Ordinance is actually from the State. Part of
the buffer law. Only 5 counties in the state have it. Beau from Goodhue County said
had to enforce a few times, mostly complaint driven.*

*Issue came up at BALLM meeting. Elected officials should have a presence.
Bear Creek community does listen to them, actually participating.*

- B. Approve Allan Marking Contract# 21-Capacity-7 in the amount of \$1,620.00 for
practice 340 cover crops – **Board Action**
(Funding sources: 2021 Capacity \$1,080.00 and 2022 Capacity \$540.00)
*Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Theismann to approve Allan Marking
Contract# 21-Capacity-7 in the amount of \$1,620.00 for practice 340 cover crops.*

(Note: Chet Ross out of the room for this vote)
Affirmative: Klennert, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

- C. WSB Memorandum for LCCMR 2023 Request for Proposal Zumbro River Pre and Post Habitat Restoration Biological Monitoring -**Board Action Looking for a fiscal agent.**
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the WSB Memorandum for LCCMR 2023 Request for Proposal. Zumbro River Pre and Post Habitat Restoration Biological Monitoring.
Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- D. WSB Project Number 014051-000. Project Budget Amendment to Perform Additional Services to Wabasha SWCD for Zumbro River Restoration project located in the City of Mazeppa, Wabasha County, MN, \$18,867.00 to commence on 4-20-2022 and continue through 3-31-2023 or until project completion – **Board Action**
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve WSB Project Number 014051-000 amendment of \$6,890.00 (correction from 18,867.00 on agenda) to perform additional service to Wabasha SWCD for Zumbro River Restoration project commencing 4-20-22 through 3-31-2023.
Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- E. Environmental Troubleshooters, Inc. Pay Voucher 8 in the amount of \$1,803.20 – **Board Action**
Hydromulch and Straw stabilization of the bank.
Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Klennert to approve payment of Environmental Troubleshooters, Inc. Pay Voucher 8 in the amount of \$1,803.20.
Affirmative:
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- F. Approve Margaret Deming Contract# 2022WAGZ-WC-05 in the amount of \$13,349.89 for 410 Grade Stabilization and 412 Grassed Waterways – **Board Action**
(Funding source WAGZ – Watershed based funding)
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Margaret Deming Contract# 22WAGZ-WC-05 in the amount of \$13,349.89 for 410 Grade Stabilization and 412 Grassed Waterway.
Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

- G. Approve Voucher payment for John & Susan Mundy for Contract# 20-CWMA-9 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for NRCS practice 314 Brush Management – **Board Action** (Funding source 2020 CWMA)
Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Klennert to approve voucher payment for John & Susan Mundy for Contract# 20-CWMA-9 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for NRCS practice 314 Brush Management.
Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- H. Approve Dan Johnson Contract# 22-CS-1 in the amount of \$5,065.00 for 410 Grade Stabilization and 342 Critical Area Planting – **Board Action** (Funding sources 2021 State Cost Share \$1,537.50 and 2022 State Cost Share \$3,527.50)
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Dan Johnson Contract# 22-CS-1 in the amount of \$5,065.00 for 410 Grade Stabilization and 342 Critical Area Planting.
Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- I. Upcoming Events
- i. Wabasha Forestry Day May 20, 2022, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
 Inside portion Front Porch Bar & Grill, Outside portion at Greenheck/Gorman Creek LLC

XII. Board Reports

- A. Whitewater JPB – Lynn
Lynn reported that there was a discussion of relevance of meeting every other month. Thinking about changes. Already meet for WinLaC and JPB. Maybe changes shouldn't be too heavy on meeting. Bob added that some are overlapping.
- B. Zumbro 1W1P – Larry (alternate Dag)
Larry's meeting was canceled. Next meeting will be in July. Terri had planning group meeting. MPCA came in a talked about monitoring sites. Moving ahead with implementation.
- C. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn
Lynn reported that there was a presentation on legal liabilities for what sort of setup. Either JBP or Memorandum of Agreement. New entity would hire staff. Some legal firewall against suing SWCD's. Have not decided which is better.
- D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB – Larry
No Meeting
- E. County Board Meeting – Larry (alternate Sharleen)
Sharleen went over agenda at last meeting of the month. Terri reported to them about the Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG).

F. Hiawatha Valley RC&D – Lynn

*Lynn reported that they went over contract agreement for Executive Director.
Rodney Peterson wants to write the contract.*

*Talked about when the Executive Director and Rodney Peterson went up north to
talk to RC&D. They are not interested in joining a state organization.*

XIII. Adjourn – Board Action

Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Ross to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 am

Affirmative: Klennert, Ross, Theismann, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Respectively Submitted by:



Larry Theismann, Secretary