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**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
District Regular Board Meeting
October 28, 2021
8:15 a.m.
County Board Room
625 Jefferson Ave.**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER –

II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA

Add to agenda under new business letter L: FY 2022 State of MN BWSR Clean Water Fund SWCD Capacity Program & Buffer Law Implementation Program Grant Agreement

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker

V. CONSENT AGENDA -Board Action

- A. Lars Polson AgBMP Loan for a Bedding Chopper in the amount of \$20,750.00
- B. Lars Polson AgBMP Loan for a Used Skid Steer in the amount of \$11,000.00
- C. Conservation Corps MN & IA Invoice# 12864 in the amount of \$1,102.50 for Bohemian Knotweed Management at Hammond Creek 9/1 – 9/30/2021.
Funding from FY21 MDA Knotweed Grant

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes-**Board Action**

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. District Financial Statements-**Board Action**

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$88,038.01-**Board Action**

IX. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. Chair Report – Lynn Zabel
- B. County Commissioner – Bob Walkes
- C. District Manager Report – Terri Peters
- D. NRCS Report – John Benjamin – Report in Packet
- E. District Technician Report- Matt Kempinger – Report in Packet

- F. Ecological Technician Report – Henry Stelten – Report in Packet
- G. Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant -Sue Cerwinske – Report in Packet

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn Zabel
- B. Change Meeting Dates for November and December to the third Thursday of the month instead of fourth. November 18, 2021 and December 16, 2021 – **Board Action**
- C. MASWCD 2021 Resolutions -**Board Discussion**
- D. SWCD Board Vacancy Update. Candidates? Application period open until November 15th – **Board Discussion**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. National Association of Conservation Districts dues for 2022 – Recommend at least Bronze Level (\$101 - \$500.00) – **Board Action**
(\$350.00 paid for 2021)
- B. Cancel Bob Sloan Contract# 20-WWDWP-1 for cover crops in the amount of \$2,700.00 (Timing does not work for him) – **Board Action**
- C. Approve Grant Amendment for Grant ID# P18-7145, 2018 SWCD Local Capacity Services to change expiration date to 12-31-2022 and reporting date to 2-21-2023 - **Board Action**
(FY 2018 State of MN BWSR 2018/2019 SWCD Programs and Operations Grants - Wabasha SWCD Grant Amendment)
- D. MASWCD 2021 Annual Convention & Trade Show Dec. 12 – 14, 2021 at the The Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington, MN. Who will be attending? Silent Auction donations – **Board Discussion/Action**
- E. Approve Mike Rahman voucher payment for Contract# 19-DWP-CC-2 in the amount of \$900.00 for practice 340 cover crops 2nd year – **Board Action**
(Funding source FY19 Drinking Water Protection in SE MN)
- F. Approve White Barn Acres LLC voucher payment for Contract# 21-Capacity-3 in the amount of \$961.47 for practice 578 stream crossing – **Board Action**
(Funding source FY21 Capacity)
- G. Approve Rachel Walkes Contract# 21-Capacity-5 in the amount of \$2,700.00 for practice 340 Cover Crops – **Board Action**
Funding source FY21 Capacity
- H. Approve Eugene Schnell Amendment for Contract# 20-Capacity-5 to change expiration date to 6/30/22, contingent on approval of amendment of P18-7145 SWCD Local Capacity Services to extend expiration date to 12/31/22 – **Board Action**
- I. District State Cost Share Policy for Approval – **Board Action**
- J. Personnel Policy – **Board Discussion/Action**

- K. Approve Steve McNallan voucher payment for Contract# 17-CAP-WS-13 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Well Decommissioning **-Board Action**
(Funding source FY18 Capacity)
- L. FY 2022 State of MN BWSR Clean Water Fund SWCD Capacity Program & Buffer Law Implementation Program Grant Agreement - **Board Action/Signature**
- M. Upcoming Events:
 - i. MASWCD resolution ballot deadline for submittal is November 1, 2021

XII. Board Reports

- A. Whitewater JPB – Lynn
- B. Zumbro 1W1P – Larry
- C. WinLac 1W1P - Lynn
- D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB – Larry
- E. County Board Meeting – Larry (alternate Sharleen)
- F. Hiawatha Valley RC&D – Lynn

XIII. Close Regular Board Meeting to go into Closed Session – **Board Action**

XIV. Open Session for Health Insurance Discussion – **Board Action**

XV. Close Session – **Board Action**

XVI. Open Regular Session – **Board Action**

XVII. New Business

- A. MN PEIP Health Insurance renewal and County Benefits – Dental, Life and Long-term disability –**Board Action on Closed Session Meeting Decisions**

XVIII. Adjourn – Board Action