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**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
District Regular Board Meeting
September 23, 2021
8:15 a.m.
County Board Room
625 Jefferson Ave.**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER –

II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA

Motioned by Ross and seconded by Klennert to approve the Agenda.

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker

V. CONSENT AGENDA -Board Action

A.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes-Board Action

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Theismann to approve the August 26, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. District Financial Statements-Board Action

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the District Financial Statements.

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

B. Program Record – Board Action

Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Ross to table the Program Record
Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$21,870.18 -Board Action
Two additional checks added last minute for a total of \$21,976.71
Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Klennert to approve payment of the monthly bills in the amount of \$21,976.71
Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

IX. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. Chair Report
- B. County Commissioner – Bob Walkes
Went to WinLac kickoff meeting.
Middle of setting up preliminary budget. Funds for SWCD will stay the same amount for 2022 as it was in 2021. Adopted preliminary 3% levy.
- C. District Manager Report – Terri Peters
Working with partners for funding
Went to Prairie Strip Demo Field Day at Mower County
1W1P WinLac Kickoff
Zumbro Falls on Oak issues
SE Landscape Tour next Monday
Gorman Creek
Zumbro plan to area board Oct. 7th
Joint Area 7 SE MACDE and SE MASWD Meeting at Yak Farm in Welch
- D. NRCS Report – John Benjamin – Report in Packet *and gave report during meeting.*
- Terry Helbig called in to give his medical update and to submit his resignation from the SWCD board for District 5 which includes Chair position.
- E. District Technician Report- Matt Kempinger – Report in Packet
- F. Ecological Technician Report – Henry Stelten – Report in Packet
- G. Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant -Sue Cerwinske – *Gave report during meeting*

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn Zabel
Lynn reported other news - University of MN is coming out to his farm to plant an acre plot on tilled land. Will plant varieties of rye. Doing 300 plots over the state.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Prairie Ridge Farm – David Zabel Contract# 21-CS-2 for 410 Grade Stabilization and 412 Grassed Waterway in the amount of \$9,505.00.

Funding sources FY21 State Cost Share \$7,168.30 and FY20 State Cost Share \$2,336.70 – **Board Action**

(Total project \$19,340.00. MAWQCP funding as well on top of cost share.)

Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Klennert to approve Prairie Farm Contract# 21-CS-2 for 410 Grade Stabilization and 412 Grassed Waterway in the amount of \$9,505.00. Funding sources FY21 State Cost Share \$7,168.30 and FY20 State Cost Share \$2,336.70.

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- B. Approve John & Shar Yorde Contract# 19-DWP-WS-8 for - Well Sealing (351 Well Decommissioning) in the amount of \$1,500.00. Funding Source FY19 Drinking Water Protection – **Board Action**

(Regional grant that Olmsted SWCD is administering)

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve John & Shar Yorde Contract# 19-DWP-WS-8 for Well Sealing (351 Well Decommissioning) in the amount of \$1,500.00. Funding source FY19 Drinking Water Protection.

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- C. MASWCD 2021 Resolutions Packet

Discussed resolutions sheet due date back to MASWCD by November 1st.

Sue will email packets to you. Copies in office for anyone, if needed.

- D. Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds Event – Registration for Nov. 3-4 at Prairie du Chien, WI for Terri and Henry. \$100.00 each plus \$89.00 per room for hotel –

Board Action

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Terri and Henry attending the Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds Event on Nov. 3rd – 4th at Prairie du Chien, WI. (\$110.00 registration fee each, plus hotel rooms for two nights)

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- E. Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District Board Vacancy – **Board Action**

Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Ross to accept Terry Helbig's resignation due to health issues.

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Discussion: How to announce that there is an opening for District 5 to see if anyone interested. Board members should call people interested. The Board will need to decide how to hire. Larry has a letter from an interested individual that he will send copies to all other Board members. Names brought up as possibilities, Ed Bauman or Pete Holmstad. Do we want to advertise in the Lake City Graphic or Shopper and on also on our website?

Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Klennert to put an article in the Lake City Graphic and Shopper announcing Board opening for District 5.

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

F. Discussion on Board positions – **Board Action**

Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Ross to elect Lynn Zabel to take the SWCD Chair position with Terry Helbig’s resignation. Lynn accepted.

Affirmative: Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Theismann to elect Chet Ross to be Co-Chair

Affirmative: Zabel, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

G. Approve Valyn Adler Contract# 21-Capacity-4 for practice 638 -Water & Sediment Control Basin in the amount of \$6,423.63. Funding Source FY21 Capacity – **Board Action (EQIP also to get to \$15,000.00)**

Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Ross to approve Valyn Adler Contract# 21-Capacity-4 for practice 638-Water & Sediment Control Basin in the amount of \$6,423.63. Funding source FY21 Capacity

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

H. Upcoming Events:

- i. BWSR Academy Oct. 26 – Oct. 28, 2021 – Online

XII. Board Reports

- A. Whitewater JPB, Lynn – **No Report**

- B. Zumbro 1W1P, Larry – **No Report**
- C. WinLac 1W1P – Lynn
Lynn reported that there was the aSeptember 20th kickoff meeting. Quite a few people showed up with comments.
- D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB, Larry - **No Report**
- E. County Board Meeting – Larry (alternate Sharleen
Larry reported that Terri gave a report to the County Commissioners at the meeting.
County Board is working on the 2022 budget. SWCD funding will remain the same as 2021.
- F. Hiawatha Valley RC&D, Lynn – **No Report - No Meeting**

XIII. Adjourn – Board Action

Motioned by Theismann and seconded by Klennert to adjourn the meeting

At 9:45 am

Affirmative: Zabel, Theismann, Klennert, Ross

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Respectively Submitted By:

Larry Theismann, Secretary