

**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
District Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2019
8 a.m.
EOC Room
848 17th Street East
Wabasha, MN 55981**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 8:13AM by Chair Terry Helbig
Supervisors Present: Terry Helbig, Chair; Larry Theismann, Secretary; Chuck Fick, Treasurer; Nate Arendt, Member
Staff: Terri Peters, District Manager; Jen Wahl, Dennis Stelling, Sue Cerwinske
Others: Sheila Harmes, Rich Hall, County Commissioner, Leo Kottschade, citizen
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **AGENDA**
Moved by Arendt, seconded by Fick to approve agenda with the addition of item A-1 under new business
Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick
Opposed: None
Motion carried
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA -Board Action**
A. Root River MAWQCP Prom Funds Amendment
Moved by Arendt, seconded by Fick to approve the consent agenda
Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- VI. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
A. August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes-Board Action
Moved by Theismann and seconded by Fick to approve secretary's report
Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
B. September 16, 2019 special meeting minutes-Board Action
Moved by Theismann and seconded by Arendt to approve
Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. August Program Record-Board Action
Moved by Fick and seconded by Theismann to approve
Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- B. District Financial Statements August 2019-Board Action
Moved by Arendt and seconded by Fick to approve
Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A. Monthly bills in the amount of \$25,080.09-Board Action
Moved by Arendt and seconded by Theismann to approve payment of monthly bills
in the amount of \$25,080.09
Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

IX. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. Chair Report – Terry Helbig
Terry and Lynn attended the Area Meeting in Northfield.
Cover crops was the Main theme.
MN Health Coalition District Conservationist was there– Attempting to have
farmers work with each other on cover crops. Voted – Area 6 gave them
\$2,000.00, state turned them down
- B. County Commissioners – Don Springer; Rich Hall
Rich Hall reported that the preliminary budget 5%. Same as last year Pushing for
more funding if possible.
- C. District Manager Report – Terri Peters
Wrapping up Clean Water Fund Applications. Attended a Risk Management
Meeting. Lynn and Terri attended Governance 101 conference. Went over
applications and hiring process. Attended Wellhead Protection meeting with City
of Wabasha – Cost sharing policy training with city staff. (IDP) Individual
Development Plan on Elink, will need to reporting on it.
- D. NRCS Report – Phillis Brey
Phyllis - absent - No NCRS Report

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 1W1P Update-Board Information
One Watershed One Plan local work group. Survey sample to get people's
opinions on water quality. Going over compilation.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. -1 Guidelines for Crop Cover Program – Board Discussion

Question started with a producer who called asking about flexibility for cover crops on both seed mixes and deadlines. Being it was a wet year and got behind, deadlines would be pushing people. Cover crop cost share program through capacity. It is state funded. We follow NRCS standards and specification for seeding and deadlines for each job. Leo Kottschade was in attendance and was very concerned with Wabasha County not having flexibility. Discussion on seed types and field rotation for 3-year plan. Terri stated we will make every effort we can to help. Winter planting can be changed. Try to change rotation of crops. Jen and Leo reviewed his field options and came up with a plan.

**B. Comment letter to BWSR from Dodge county on 1W1P implementation funding-
Board Discussion**

Moved by Fick and seconded by Theismann to have Terri write a letter to BOWSR similar to Dodge County expressing our wishes that monetary funding be used for One Watershed, One Plan implementation of Funding for monitoring.

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

C. Section 319 Small Watershed Focus Program-Board Discussion

Terri reported that we were selected for the Section 319 small watershed focus program. Focus on small watersheds. West Indian Creek – start working Feb. Clean Water fund application. Implementation funding would like to combine the funding for these two for 2021.

**D. Acceptance of FY 2020 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Clean Water Fund SWCD Local Capacity Services in the amount of \$111,348.00 & Buffer Law Implementation Program in the amount of \$20,000.00 Grant Agreement-Board
Action**

Moved by Arendt and seconded by Fick to approve the Acceptance of FY 2020 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Clean Water Fund SWCD Local Capacity Services in the amount of \$111,348.00 & Buffer Law Implementation Program in the amount of \$20,000.00 Grant Agreement

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- E. Payment for approval on contract 2016-CWF-04 Gerard Marking for completion of structure for \$9,022.50 (practice 410 WASC0B total cost \$10,025 from CWF 2016 MRLP grant)-**Board Action**

Moved by Theismann and seconded by Fick to approve the Payment for approval on contract 2016-CWF-04 Gerard Marking for completion of structure for \$9,022.50 (practice 410 WASC0B total cost \$10,025 from CWF 2016 MRLP grant)-

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- F. Darrel Klein Contract 17-Capacity-10 Voucher Payment in the amount of \$8,343.43 for Waterway-**Board Action**

Moved by Arendt and seconded by Fick to approve Darrel Klein Contract 17-Capacity-10 Voucher Payment in the amount of \$8,343.43 for Waterway

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- G. Tom Miller Contract 17-CS-5 & 17-Capacity-12 Voucher Payment in the amount of \$2,479.05 for waterway practice 412 – **Board Action**

Motion by Arendt and seconded by Fick to approve Tom Miller Contract 17-CS-5 & 17-Capacity-12 Voucher Payment in the amount of \$2,479.05 for waterway practice 412

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- H. Contract for approval on 19-Capacity-3 John Dose for 22 acres of cover crops (practice 340 Capacity 2019 total amount \$1,980) – **Board Action**

Motion by Arendt and seconded by Theismann to approve the Contract for approval on 19-Capacity-3 John Dose for 22 acres of cover crops (practice 340 Capacity 2019 total amount \$1,980

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- I. Contract for approval on 19-Capacity-4 Bruce Wood for 25 acres of cover crops (practice 340 Capacity 2019 total amount \$2,250)-**Board Action**

Motion by Fick and seconded by Theismann to approve Contract for approval on 19-Capacity-4 Bruce Wood for 25 acres of cover crops (practice 340 Capacity 2019 total amount \$2,250)-

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- J. Contract for approval on 19-Capacity-5 Peter Wood for 20 acres of cover crops (practice 340 Capacity 2019 total amount \$1,800)-**Board Action**
Motion by Fick and seconded by Theismann to approve Contract for approval on 19-Capacity-5 Peter Wood for 20 acres of cover crops (practice 340 Capacity 2019 total amount \$1,800)-

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- K. Upcoming Events

- i. NSCA & NWC Conservation conference -Sept 30-Oct 2, Lexington, KY
- ii. BWSR Academy October 29-31 Breezy Point, MN

XII. Board Reports

- A. WW –

Sheila Harmes

2 applications for grants – Whitewater North Forks Sediment Reduction Project and Tag along on the Stream Restoration Project going through Olmsted. Work with Terri and Bill listing practices that could occur in Wabasha and Olmsted counties. Projects and Practices Category – State allowing 20% Drinking water protection project

- B. 1W1P-

Sheila Harmes - Clean Water Fund Applications are out

XIII. Adjourn- Board Action

Motion by Fick and seconded by Arendt to adjourn

Affirmative: Arendt, Helbig, Theismann, Fick

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 10:37 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Larry Theismann, Secretary