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**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
District Regular Board Meeting
October 27, 2022
8:15 a.m.
County Conference Room
625 Jefferson Ave.**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker

V. CONSENT AGENDA -Board Action

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board and may be enacted through one motion. Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed by any of the Board members for separate consideration.

- A. Patrick Judge Contract# 2022WAGZ-WC-10 in the amount of \$3,840.00 for 340 Cover Crops. 32 acres for 3 years @ \$40.00/acre/year
(Funding source WAGZ Watershed Based)
- B. Eugene Betcher Contract# 2022WAGZ-WC-12 in the amount of \$6,000.00 for 340 Cover Crops. 50 acres for 3 years @ \$40.00/acre/year
(Funding source WAGZ Watershed Based)
- C. Huneke Dairy, Inc. Contract# 2022WAGZ-WC-9 in the amount of \$4,800.00 for 340 Cover Crops. 40 acres for 3 years @ \$40.00/acre/year
(Funding source WAGZ Watershed Based)
- D. Sharon Schumacher Voucher Payment in the amount of \$445.00 for Reverse Osmosis Point of Use Water Treatment System & Installation
(Funding source FY21 Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Users)
- E. Jacob Meyer Voucher Payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 for 340 Cover Crops, 1st year payment of 3
(Funding source FY22 319 West Indian Creek)
- F. Patrick Judge Voucher Payment in the amount of \$1,280.00 for 340 Cover Crops. 1st year payment of 3.
(Funding source WAGZ Watershed Based)

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes – **Board Action**

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Board Action

- A. September District Financial Statements
- B. September Program Record

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$34,644.25 - **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
- E. District Technician Report- Matt Kempinger (in packet)
- F. Natural Resources Conservation Technician Report – Henry Stelten (in packet)
- G. Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant -Sue Cerwinske (in packet)
- H. BWSR Report – None
- I. Other agencies – None

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)
- B. Meeting date for November is the 17th and December is the 15th – **Board Reminder**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MASWCD 2022 Annual Convention & Trade Show Dec. 12 – 14, 2022 at the The Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington, MN. Registration deadline December 1. Go through the resolutions as a board, discuss. Resolution ballots due to Sue before November 1st. Who will be attending? Pick which day or days to attend – **Board Discussion/Action**
- B. Approve Luncheon for Eric and Michelle Heins our Outstanding Conservationist nominee - **Board Action**
- C. National Association of Conservation Districts dues for 2023 – Terri recommends Full Membership Contribution of \$775.00. Operational expense that can included in our billing rate– **Board Action**
- D. Approve Margaret Deming Amendment# 1 to Contract# 2022WAGZ-WC-005 to change the Installation Date to 11/30/2023 from 11/30/2022 – **Board Action**
- E. Approve Sharon Melvin's cancellation of Contract# 2022WAGZ-WC-001 for 410 Grade Stabilization Structure. Cancellation statement from Sharon attached – cancelling because contractors contacted were not interested because of the cost and location of the project – **Board Action**

- F. Approve Joe Reinhardt Contract# 22-SDWGPh2-1 in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment System – **Board Action**
(Funding source 2022-23 Safe Drinking Water Phase 2)

- G. Wabasha County Human Resources can offer HR Services to Wabasha SWCD for \$3,000.00. This equates to \$600.00 per person. Some of the services that could be provided are:
 - Recruiting applicants
 - Onboarding employees
 - Develop and maintain policies and procedures
 - Conducting disciplinary actions
 - Process terminations and retiring employees
 - Training and DevelopmentThis is a professional service that would be added into the billing rate.
Board Action

- H. MN PEIP Health Insurance 21% increase. County Benefits renewal for Dental, Life and Long-term disability. Shawn Huth looking into getting us on County Health Insurance. – **Board Discussion**

- I. Resolution 10272022-1 Personnel Policy Amendments. Approve Personnel Policy as amended – **Board Action**

- J. Upcoming Events:
 - i. MASWCD resolution ballot deadline for submittal is November 1, 2022
 - ii. MASWCD 2022 Annual Convention & Trade Show Dec. 12 – 14, 2022

XII. Board Reports

- A. Whitewater JPB – Lynn
- B. Zumbro 1W1P – Larry (alternate Dag)
- C. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn
WinLaC draft minutes of Policy Committee meeting on 10-03 submitted by Sheila Harmes (attached)
- D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB - Larry
- E. County Board Meeting – Larry (alternate Sharleen)
- F. Hiawatha Valley RC&D – Lynn

XIII. Adjourn – Board Action