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**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation  
District Regular Board Meeting  
October 26, 2023  
8:15 am  
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. Hyde Park Holsteins AgBMP Loan Application in the amount of \$45,000.00 for a John Deere Skid Loader It will be used to clean alleys to keep manure from running off the site.
- B. Reiter Living Trust (Bill Reiter) Contract# 20-WWDWP-5 in the amount of \$1,835.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding Source Whitewater Drinking Water Protection Grant)
- C. Larry Gates Contract# 23-SHCS-2 in the amount of \$6,300.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding sources 2023 Soil Health Cost Share \$4,200.00 and 2023 Capacity \$2,100.00)
- D. Silver Spirit Farm LLC (Craig Reiter) Contract# 20-WWDWP-6 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops  
(Funding Source Whitewater Drinking Waer Protection Grant)
- E. Ben Klein Contract# 20-WWDWP-7 in the amount of \$4,480.00 for Practice 340 cover Crops.  
(Funding Source Whitewater Drinking Water Protection Grant)
- F. Oak Leaf Farms LLC (Scott Meyer) Contract# 23-SHCS-1 in the amount of \$7,380.00 for Practice 340 cover Crops.  
(Funding Source 2023 Soil Health Cost Share \$4,920.00 and 2023 Capacity \$2,460.00)
- G. Jeffrey Heitmann Contract# 23WAGZ-WC-06 in the amount of \$835.00 for Practice 351 Well Decommissioning.  
(Funding Source Water Alliance for the Greater Zumbro)
- H. Rachel Walkes Contract# 20-WWDWP-8 in the amount of \$5,364.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding Source Whitewater Drinking Water Protection Grant)

- I. Tom Gerken Contract# 23-Capacity-1 in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding Source 2023 Capacity)
- J. Kurt Schnell Contract# 22-CS-3 in the amount of \$3,388.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding Source 2022 State Cost Share)
- K. Larry Gates Voucher Payment for Contract# 23-SHCS-2 in the amount of \$2,100.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> year of Practice 340 Cover Crops  
(Funding sources 2023 Soil Health Cost Share \$4,200.00 and 2023 Capacity \$2,100.00)
- L. Alan Jostock Contract# 22-CS-4 om the amount of \$301.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding Source 2022 State Cost Share)
- M. Alan Jostock Contract# 22-CS-5 in the amount of \$1,564.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding Source 2022 State Cost Share)
- N. Cole and David Packer Contract# 22-CS-2 in the amount of \$528.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding Source 2022 Cost Share \$352.00 and 2023 Capacity \$176.00)
- O. Jeremiah Leonhardt Amendment #1 to increase amount \$2,700.00 to \$8,900.00 due to an increase of 70 acres (30+70=100) increasing rate to \$40.00/acre

**VI. SECRETARY’S REPORT**

- A. September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes – **Board Action**

**VII. TREASURER’S REPORT – Board Action**

- A. September District Financial Statements

**VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$65,161.84 - **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 – (in packet)
- E. District Technician Report- Matt Kempinger
- F. Conservation Planning and Outreach Technician Report– Jenna Rasmusson – In the Packet
- G. Natural Resources Technician Report– Katelyn Abts – In the packet
- H. Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Report -Sue Cerwinske
- I. BWSR Report –
- J. Other agencies –

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)
- B. Resolution 10262023-1 – BWSR Grants Signature Authority for Terri Peters/**Board Action/Signature**

(Approved at September board meeting. Resolution for signature authority file.)

- C. Resolutions for discussion and voting on. Ballot online this year. – **Board Discussion**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. National Association of Conservation Districts dues for 2024 –Full Membership Contribution is \$775.00. Operational expense that can be included in our billing rate–**Board Action**
- B. MASWCD Convention - December 12-13, 2023
  - i. Information on Resolutions – ballots online submittal
  - ii. Who plans on attending?
  - iii. Outstanding Forest Steward – Larry Gates
  - iv. Outstanding Conservationist Winner for Wabasha County.
  - v. Approve family to attend luncheon. – **Board Action**
- C. Upcoming Events:
  - i.

**XII. Board Reports**

- A. Whitewater JPB – Lynn
- B. Zumbro 1W1P – Dag
- C. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn
- D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB - Dag
- E. County Board Meeting – Sharleen

**XIII. Motion to Recess Regular Board Meeting and go into Closed Session**

**XIV. Closed Session – Personnel Policy Review**

- A. Insurance Policy Information - **Discussion**
- B. Personnel Handbook Changes.

**XV. Motion to reopen the Regular Board Meeting**

- XVI. A. Approve Recommendations for 2024 Insurance Policy- **Board Action****

**XVII. Adjourn – **Board Action****