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**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
May 23, 2024
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. Frank Schuchard Voucher Payment for Contract# 22-CS-8 in the amount of \$315.15 for Practice 370 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation.
(Funding source – FY24 Conservation Contract)
- B. Grants for Funds to cover the Soil Health Nutrient Management position.
 - a. 2024 BWSR Soil Health Staffing Grant Program Grant Agreement
Grant ID C24-0156 \$450,800.00
 - b. MN PT/Coordinator - providing nutrient management technical assistance
\$84,800.00.
- C. MPCA - WinLaCs WRAPs Update Project, \$30,500.00 effective date May 1, 2024 and expiration date June 30, 2025
- D. University of Wisconsin-River Falls Standard Research Agreement Amendment# 2
Amending the subaward to extend period from May 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024.

VI. SECRETARY’S REPORT – Board Action

- A. April 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

VII. TREASURER’S REPORT – Board Action

- A. April District Financial Statements
Included for your review
- B. Program Record - April
The full spreadsheet was sent to the board in advance.

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$43,462.51 - **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 the packet)
- E. District Technician Report- Matt Kempinger – In the Packet)
- 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 – Dave Copeland
- J. Other agencies –

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Dave Hager Contract# 24-CC-1 in the amount of \$300.00 for Practice 351 Brush Management -**Board Action**
(Funding source: FY24 Conservation Contract)
- B. Approve Mike Graner Contract# 23-CWF-WIC-4 in the amount of \$27,259.98 for Practice 528 Prescribed Grazing – **Board Action**
(Funding source: 2023 West Indian Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Grant)
- C. Approve Amendment to Resolution 01252024-7 for Contracts, Amendments and Extension Signature Authority dated 5/23/2024 – **Board Action**
- D. WinLaC WRAPS (MPCA) Approve moving ahead with sub-agreements with Winona, Olmsted, Root River and St Mary’s for nitrate monitoring, Chloride monitoring, and Well inventory. – **Board Action**
- E. Approve Safe Drinking Water for Private Well- Users sub-agreements between Olmsted SWCD and Wabasha SWCD – **Board Action for each**
 - a. Southeast Minnesota Safe Drinking Water for Private Well-Users (MDH)
 - b. Private Well Mitigation for Eight County -SE MN Region (MDA)
- F. Approve (VNM) SE Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network Grant sub-agreement between Olmsted SWCD and Wabasha SWCD updated to a 2-year cycle beginning July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2026 – **Board Action**
- G. Seth Tentis Storage Space Agreement -Discuss and Approve -Board Action

H. Upcoming Events

- i. Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed
- ii. Saturday, June 15 Gorman Stream Walk
- iii. Wednesday, June 19 National Independence Day Holiday – Office Closed
- iv. Local Work Group – June 27th starting at 10:00 am

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

WAGZ Summary Report attached -Dag
2023 year in review link below

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fbd9f58ecb8d42bf9d305f0e2f6082a0>

XIII. Motion to Recess Regular Meeting and go in to Closed Session -Board Action

XIV. Closed Session – Discussion

- A. Discuss and approve Minnesota State Retirement System Policy (previously sent to the board)
- B. Review job description updates with promotional career ladder
 - a. Approve submitting to Shawn Huth and work with HR and Consultant for scoring
- C. Approve moving ahead with hiring Soil Health/Nutrient Management Specialist

XV. Motion to Close Closed Session and Reopen Regular Meeting – Board Action

XVI. Adjourn – Board Action