



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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August 14, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The August Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened at the USDA Ag. Service Center in North Branch on August 14, 2018. Chair Birkholz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Jim Birkholz, Roland Cleveland (left at 9:30 a.m.), Craig Mold, David Tollberg, and Justin Wilson

Board members absent: None

Staff present: Craig Mell, Susan Humble, Casey Thiel (partial attendance) and Deb Hermel, NRCS District Conservationist.

AGENDA

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Recent correspondence was reviewed by the board.

STAFF/SUPERVISOR REPORTS

NRCS District Conservationist Debra Hermel reviewed the past months NRCS activities.

SWCD District Administrator Mell reviewed the past months SWCD activities.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to authorize District Administrator Mell to finalize a contract with Bolten and Menk, Inc. to provide engineering assistance for the City of Taylors Falls cost share project utilizing Metro Conservation District Engineering and Technical Assistance funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to approve the following cost share contract amendment:

- Applicant: City of Taylors Falls (Brue wall project)
- Contract #: SCRE 16-3
- Conservation Practice: Streambank and Shoreline Protection
- Total Project Cost: \$81,000
- Cost Share Amount Approved: \$81,000
 - \$15,500 – St. Croix River Association 319 grant
 - \$65,500 – FY16 Clean Water Fund St. Croix River Escarpment Gully Stabilization Grant
- Technical Representative: Brent Johnson and Jake Guzik, P.E., Bolton and Menk, Inc.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mold and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Chisago County Public Works
- Contract #: CWF DCGS 15-4
- Conservation Practice: Lined Waterway
- Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018
- Total Project Cost: \$100,000
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$65,000 FY15 Clean Water Fund Dry Creek Watershed Gully Stabilization Program Grant
- Technical Representative: Joe Triplett and Kyle Ludwig, Chisago County Public Works County Engineer

Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following project certification and cost-share payment:

- Christy Helps, Green Lake, Chisago City: \$1,500 Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Landowner Cost Share Program

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

State Buffer Program

District Administrator Mell updated the Board on the status of the State Buffer Law.

BWSR/NRCS Watershed Conservation Planner Initiative Program

District Administrator Mell updated the Board on the status of this shared Lower St. Croix Watershed Conservation Planner position. No board action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Lower St. Croix Watershed One Watershed One Plan August 27th “Workshop on the River”

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to approve supervisors and staff to attend the August 27, 2018 Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan “Workshop on the River”. Motion carried.

Lower St. Croix Watershed One Watershed One Plan Priority Concerns and Goals of Local Water Management Entities

The Board discussed the priority concerns and goals of the current Chisago County Local Water Management Plan along with identifying any gaps or needs that are currently not addressed in the plan. Several topics were discussed including, climate change, soil health, forestry, housing development concerns, coordination by entire St. Croix River watershed including Wisconsin partners, wetland restorations, and contaminants of emerging concerns such as road salts/chloride and volatile organic compounds. Staff will provide the list of topics to the consultant compiling the data for input in the draft one watershed one plan. No board action was taken.

FY19 Clean Water Fund Grant Applications

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Mold to approve staff submitting the following FY19 Clean Water Fund grant applications to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources prior to the upcoming August 31 deadline:

- Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes BMP Implementation – Implement projects identified in the completed in the Stormwater Retrofit Assessments for the watershed.
 - Main Partners: Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District and the USDA NRCS.
 - Grant request: \$250,000.

- St. Croix River Escarpment Inventory Implementation – Implement projects identified in the completed St. Croix River Escarpment Inventory.
 - Main Partners: USDA NRCS.
 - Grant request: \$100,000.
- Mallery Jersey’s Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan – Implement projects identified in the completed comprehensive nutrient management plan for Mallery Jersey’s.
 - Main Partners: St. Croix River Association and the USDA NRCS.
 - Grant request: \$100,000.
- Parmly Gully – Implement a gully stabilization project located on the Parmly property on Green Lake.
 - Main Partners: Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District and MPCA.
 - Grant request: \$75,000.

Motion carried.

DNR Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve the DNR 2019 Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement and to designate District Administrator Mell as the District’s Authorized Representative to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

MN Farm Bill Assistants Grant Agreement

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Cleveland to approve the 2019 Farm Bill Assistance Grant Agreement and to designate District Administrator Mell as the District’s Authorized Representative to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

2018 Chisago SWCD Outstanding Conservationist

Motion by Mold and seconded by Tollberg to name Petersen Farms of Rush City, Inc. as the 2018 Chisago SWCD Outstanding Conservationist. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No action taken.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m.



Secretary

9-11-18

Date

*Attachments available at SWCD office.

