



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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March 12, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The March Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened at the North Branch Area Library on March 12th, 2019. Chair Birkholz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Supervisors: Jim Birkholz, Roland Cleveland, Craig Mold, David Tollberg, and Justin Wilson
Staff: Craig Mell, Shane Hultman*, Mary Jo Youngbauer*, and Jason Rehn*
*Partial attendance

Others present: Scott Carlson, Horse Creek watershed council member; Eric Wojchik, Polk County Land and Water Resources Conservation Planner; Lance Petersen, Petersen Farms of Rush City; Thomas Zimmermann, Isanti SWCD staff; Roger Larsen, Isanti SWCD Board Supervisor; Josh Bork, NRCS Cambridge Field Office

AGENDA

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve the Agenda as presented after adding item 6b) Cost Share Request – Chisago City under Cost Share Projects. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Recent correspondence was reviewed by the board.

STAFF/SUPERVISOR REPORTS

District Administrator Mell reviewed the past months SWCD activities.

Supervisor Cleveland updated the Board on the status of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts 2019 legislative platform.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve the following Conservation Practice Assistance Contract:

- Applicant: Mallery Jersey's Inc.
- Contract #: Mallery 19-1
- Conservation Practice: 590 Nutrient Management
- Project Completion Date: December 30, 2019
- Total Project Cost: \$4,000
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$4,000 SWCD Cost Share Funds
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve the following Conservation Practice Assistance Contract:

- Applicant: City of Chisago City
 - Contract #: CLW-19-01
 - Conservation Practice: Enhanced Street Sweeping
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2021
 - Requested Cost Share Amount: \$7,500
 - \$5,625 – FY19 CWF Chisago Lakes SRA Grant
 - \$1,875 – Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
 - Technical Representative: Casey Thiel, Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District
- Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan Update

Supervisor Birkholz and Administrator Mell updated the Board on the status of the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan process. No board action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

MPCA Grant Agreement – Chisago Lakes Gully Restoration, Green Lake Project

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the Chisago Lakes Gully Restoration, Green Lake Project and to authorize District Administrator Mell to be the grantee's authorized representative, which includes signing all documents related to this grant. Motion carried.

Partner Agreements: Lower St. Croix Surface Water Assessment Grant, Anoka & Isanti SWCD

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Mold to authorize District Administrator Mell to finalize local partner agreements with the Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District and the Anoka Conservation District to assist with task associated with the MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant for the Lower St. Croix Watershed. Motion carried.

Conservation Technician Position

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Cleveland to approve the hiring of Jacquelynn Kelzenberg effective March 18, 2019 as a fulltime Conservation Technician with a starting salary of grade 23, step 4. Motion carried.

Horse Creek Watershed Council Presentation

Scott Carlson, Horse Creek farmer-led watershed council member, and Eric Wojchik, Conservation Planner with the Polk County Land and Water Resources department gave a presentation about their farmer-led Horse Creek Watershed Council in Wisconsin. No board action taken at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS


No action taken.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Birkholz adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.


Secretary

4-16-19
Date