



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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October 8, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The October Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened at the Chisago SWCD office in North Branch on October 8th, 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 and Debra Hermel (NRCS District Conservationist)

AGENDA

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve the agenda as listed. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Wilson 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 Hermel and District Administrator Mell reviewed the past months office activities.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve the following project certification and payment request:

- Applicant: Joe Sausen
- Contract #: SWCD LC 18-4
- Conservation Practice: Bioretention Basin
- Total Project Cost: \$11,146
- Approved Cost-Share Amount: 11,146
 - \$7,000 St. Croix River Association 319 Funds
 - \$4,146 FY18 SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant funds
- Technical Representative: Rebecca Nestingen, PE, Washington Conservation District

Motion carried.

Motion by Birkholz and seconded by Wilson to approve the following project certification and payment request:

- Applicant: Mallery Jerseys Inc
- Contract #: CWF WQIMJ 19-1
- Conservation Practice: animal waste storage facility, pumping plant, waste transfer, diversion, fencing, lined waterway or outlet, subsurface drain, underground outlet, critical area planting, heavy use area protection, mulching, obstruction removal, stormwater runoff control and a vegetated treatment area.
- Total Project Cost: \$263,003.58

- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$139,359.18
 - \$80,000 FY19 Clean Water Fund Mallery Jerseys Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Implementation
 - \$16,970.85 FY17 Clean Water Fund Water Quality Improvements on the Mallery Jersey Dairy Farm
 - \$40,000 St. Croix River Association Lake St. Croix Watershed Improvement Funds
 - \$2,388.33 Chisago SWCD Local Funds
 - Technical Representative: Professional Engineer Mike Mayer with MM Engineering LLC
- Motion carried.

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Mold to approve the following project certification and payment request pending certification of the project by the USDA NRCS:

- Applicant: Craig Mattson
- Contract #: TW AG 15-23
- Conservation Practice: grassed waterway, lined waterway or outlet, and mulching
- Total Project Cost: \$17,247.44
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$9,087.69
 - \$8,249.57 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant
 - \$838.12 Chisago SWCD Local Cost Share Program
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan

Supervisor Birkholz and Administrator Mell reviewed with the board the future organizational arrangements options, joint powers collaboration vs joint powers entity, that have been discussed by the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee for the implementation phase of the Lower St. Croix one watershed one plan. The board also discussed the FY2020-2021 BWSR watershed-based implementation funding grant allocations. The board expressed concerns with the current BWSR approved metro vs. non-metro two grant allocations format for the watershed. The consensus of the board was to support the establishment of a joint powers entity along with one, metro and non-metro combined, FY2020-2021 watershed-based implementation funding grant allocation from the BWSR. No board action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

BWSR FY2020 SWCD Local Capacity and Buffer Law Implementation grant agreement

Motion by Mold and seconded by Cleveland to approve the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources FY2020 Chisago SWCD Base Grants which includes the SWCD Local Capacity and Buffer Implementation grant funds and to designate District Administrator Mell as the District's Authorized Representative to sign all documents related to the grant agreement. Motion carried.

Chisago County Drainage Authority Public Hearings

Administrator Mell updated the board on the status of the Chisago County Public Ditch reestablishment of records and benefits process. The Chisago County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority have set the following meetings for Public Ditches 1, 2 and 3:

- October 29, 2019 at 5 p.m. public informational meeting with the viewers to answer property owner questions.
- November 19, 2019 at 9 a.m. public hearing on Redetermination of Benefits.
- November 19, 2019 at 1 p.m. public hearing on Reestablishment of Records.

No board action was taken

Contract for Equipment Rental with T&T Lawn and Sport

Motion Mold and seconded by Tollberg to authorize District Administrator Mell to finalize a contract with T&T Lawn and Sport to rent a UTV with trailer for fall survey work assistance at a cost of \$50/hour with a not to exceed amount of 4,000. Motion carried.

MASWCD Resolution Packet

Supervisor Cleveland and Administrator Mell briefly discussed the MASWCD 2019 Resolution Packet. No board action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No action taken.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to adjourn the board meeting at 9:30 a.m.



Secretary

11-12-19

Date