



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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February 9, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The February Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened via an audio and video conference call on February 9, 2021. Chair Birkholz called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Supervisors present: Jim Birkholz, Roland Cleveland, David Tollberg, and Justin Wilson
Supervisors absent: Craig Mold
Staff present: SWCD District Administrator Craig Mell

AGENDA

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the agenda as listed.
Roll call vote: Cleveland, Yes; Mold, Absent; Tollberg, Yes; Wilson, Yes; Birkholz, Yes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Roll call vote: Cleveland, Yes; Mold, Absent; Tollberg, Yes; Wilson, Yes; Birkholz, Yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

No board action taken.

STAFF/SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Administrator Mell reviewed the NRCS and SWCD activities of the past month. No board action taken.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

No board action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

No board action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Professional Services Contract – Peterson Company LTD, 2020 Financial Audit

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Cleveland to approve a contract for \$2,750 with Peterson Company, LTD, to complete the 2020 financial audit of the Chisago SWCD.

Roll call vote: Cleveland, Yes; Mold, Absent; Tollberg, Yes; Wilson, Yes; Birkholz, Yes. Motion carried.

FY21 BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant Agreement

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Tollberg to approve the FY21 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant Agreement with the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources and to authorize District Administrator Mell to be the grantee's authorized representative, which includes signing all documents related to this grant agreement.

Roll call vote: Cleveland, Yes; Mold, Absent; Tollberg, Yes; Wilson, Yes; Birkholz, Yes. Motion carried.

Chisago SWCD Soil Health Committee Recommendation

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the soil health committee’s 2021 cover crop incentive program recommendation and to allocate up to \$15,000 of SWCD Cost Share funds towards this program.

Roll call vote: Cleveland, Yes; Mold, Absent; Tollberg, Yes; Wilson, Yes; Birkholz, Yes. Motion carried.

Chisago SWCD Nonstructural Land Management Practices Policy

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the BWSR Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implementation Plan Request Form to incorporate cover crops, residue and tillage management: no-till/strip-till, and enhanced street sweeping as eligible cost share programs in Chisago County.

Roll call vote: Cleveland, Yes; Mold, Absent; Tollberg, Yes; Wilson, Yes; Birkholz, Yes. Motion carried.

Chisago SWCD Cost Share Policy

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District 2021 Cost Share Policy as drafted.

Roll call vote: Cleveland, Yes; Mold, Absent; Tollberg, Yes; Wilson, Yes; Birkholz, Yes. Motion carried.

MN DNR Walk-In Access Program

Supervisor Cleveland made a motion to authorize District Administrator Mell to finalize a Joint Powers Agreement with the MN DNR to implement the Walk-In Access program in Chisago County and to authorize District Administrator Mell to be the agreements authorized representative, which includes signing all documents related to the agreement. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Lower St. Croix One Watershed, One Plan Workplan and Budget

Motion by Birkholz and seconded by Tollberg to approve the Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Watershed Based Implementation Funds workplan and budget as recommended by the Lower St. Croix One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee on January 25, 2021.

Roll call vote: Cleveland, Yes; Mold, Absent; Tollberg, Yes; Wilson, Yes; Birkholz, Yes. Motion carried.

District Administrator Job Evaluation Report

After discussion by the board this agenda item was referred to the SWCD Personnel Committee for review and a recommendation to the full board. No board action taken.

2021 Projects Review

The board reviewed several projects currently being designed by SWCD and NRCS staff. Projects included Mallery, Quist, Hawkinson, Olson, Sontag, Ewert, Mattson, Johnson, and Hagfors. No board action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No board action taken.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

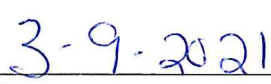
The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Birkholz adjourned the Board meeting at 9:48 a.m.



Secretary



Date