



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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August 8, 2023

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The August Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened on August 8, 2023 at the North Branch Area Library, 6355 379th Street, North Branch, MN 55056. Chair Birkholz called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Supervisors present: Jim Birkholz, David Tollberg and Justin Wilson
Supervisors absent: Lance Petersen
Staff: SWCD Administrator Craig Mell

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No Board action taken at this time.

STAFF/SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Administrator Mell reviewed the SWCD activities of the past month. No Board action taken at this time.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Cost Share Request – CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL Implementation

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

1) Contract #: GCW 21-08

- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, underground outlet, and a lined waterway outlet.
- Project Completion Date: November 30, 2023
- Total Project Cost: \$32,000
- Approved Cost-Share Amount: \$16,000 CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL Implementation grant funds
- Technical Representative: USDA NRCS

2) Contract #: GCW 21-09

- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, underground outlet, and a lined waterway outlet.
- Project Completion Date: November 30, 2023
- Total Project Cost: \$43,000
- Approved Cost-Share Amount: \$24,000 CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL Implementation grant funds
- Technical Representative: USDA NRCS

- 3) Contract #: GCW 21-10
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, underground outlet, and a lined waterway outlet.
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2023
 - Total Project Cost: \$43,000
 - Approved Cost-Share Amount: \$30,000 CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL Implementation grant funds
 - Technical Representative: USDA NRCS
- 4) Contract #: GCW 21-12
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, underground outlet, and a lined waterway/outlet.
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2023
 - Total Project Cost: \$11,000
 - Approved Cost-Share Amount: \$5,000 CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL Implementation grant funds
 - Technical Representative: USDA NRCS

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No Board action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership

Administrator Mell reviewed with the Board the 2022 Activities Report for the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership. No Board action taken at this time.

Chisago SWCD District #2 Supervisor Vacancy

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to appoint Rick Cedergren from North Branch to the seat of District #2 Supervisor for the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District for the remainder of the term which expires December 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Birkholz, Yes; Tollberg, No; Wilson, Yes. Motion carried.

Honoring Supervisor Cleveland

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to adopt resolution 2023-08-01 establishing the Chisago SWCD Roland Cleveland Cost Share Program. Motion carried.

*Resolution No. 2023-08-01
A Resolution Establishing the Chisago SWCD
Roland Cleveland Cost Share Program*

WHEREAS, Roland "Rollie" Cleveland served Chisago County as a Supervisor of the Soil and Water Conservation District from July 9, 1987, until his passing on June 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, during his nearly 36 years as a SWCD Supervisor, Rollie became a great and humble champion for conservation at the local, area and state level; and

WHEREAS, on December, 3, 2012, Rollie received the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) Outstanding SWCD Supervisor Award for his outstanding leadership not only to the Chisago SWCD, but to his Area and to the State Association through representation on numerous committees and policy teams; and

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WHEREAS, on December 10, 2018, Rollie was elected the President of the MASWCD for 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Rollie was a great partner, voice for conservation and a good friend to all that met him; and

WHEREAS, the Chisago SWCD Board of Supervisors wishes to express its sincere thanks and appreciation for Rollie's dedication and outstanding performance of his duties during his nearly 36 years as a Supervisor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chisago Soil and Water District Board of Supervisors establishes the Roland Cleveland Cost Share Program to be utilized as a local funding source to implement conservation programs and practices throughout Chisago County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chisago Soil and Water District Board of Supervisors designates \$20,000 of the SWCD reserve funds to the Roland Cleveland Cost Share Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chisago SWCD Board will annually designate additional funds if available towards the Roland Cleveland Cost Share Program to implement conservation programs throughout Chisago County in honor of Roland "Rollie" Cleveland.

Chisago SWCD 2023 Outstanding Conservationist

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to name Jason May of May Farms of Rush City the Outstanding Conservationist for 2023. Motion carried.

BWSR FY23 Clean Water Fund Grant Application

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve staff submitting a FY24 Clean Water Fund grant application to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources for continued funding to implement projects in the Goose/Rush Creek watershed. Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Board action taken at this time.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 8:00 AM at the North Branch Area Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM.


Secretary

9-12-23
Date

