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MINUTES FROM THE April 12, 2023 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 8:38 a.m. by Chair Jeff Potter

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Potter - Chair
Ed Carter - Vice Chair (via Zoom)
Brian Timm - PR & I

STAFF: Nick Brozek, District Administrator, Jeanne Prescott - Office Manager, Brian Pfarr, Resource Specialist, Kurt Mathiowetz, Water Quality Technician, Ben Bauer, Conservation Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

ADOPT AGENDA: Brozek asked to add an Amendment to the 2023 Agreement for Great River Greening. Motion by Carter, second by Timm to adopt the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

February 8, 2023 minutes; Motion by Timm, second by Carter to approve minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

FINANCE REPORTS: Motion by Timm, second by Carter to Approve Finance Report. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE: Carter noted that Supervisor Potter and Supervisor Carter's expense forms were on the Bills payable and voting with three board members. Motion by Timm, second by Carter to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried.

GRANT TRACKER: Informational

2023 STATE COST SHARE POLICY ADDENDUM: Motion by, Timm, Second by Carter. Motion passed.

2023 SOIL HEALTH POLICY: Motion by Timm, Second by Carter Motion passed.

WATER PLAN COVER CROP COST-SHARE FUNDING 2023: Motion by Carter, Second by Timm. Motion passed.

WATER PLAN 2022 APPLICATIONS: Benedict-WP-22-16 Alternative Intake x 2 \$1,000. Motion by Timm, Seconded by Carter Motion passed.

DISTRICT COST SHARE 22-23 APPLICATIONS: Schultz- DCS-22-23-4 WASCB \$7,413.94. Motion by Timm, Seconded by Carter Motion passed.

WATER PLAN 2023 APPLICATIONS: Schroepfer-WP-23-4 Well Decommissioning \$500.00, Raddatz- WP-23-5 No-Till \$765.00, Coudron-WP-23-6 No-till \$1,935.00, Berg-WP-23-7 No-Till \$1,840.00, PM Farms-WP-23-8 No-till \$590.00

AMENDED CONTRACT: Knakmuhs-319-1B-6 from \$8,389.44 Grassed Waterway to \$48,298.63 Grade Stabilization. Motion by Carter, Seconded by Timm. Motion passed.

GREAT RIVER GREENING AMENDMENT: Brozek reported the changes to the agreement that was dated the 8th day of September 2021. Motion by Carter, Seconded by Timm. Motion passed.

319 1b APPLICATIONS: Knakmuhs-319-1B-6 Grade Stabilization \$48,298.63. Motion by Timm, Seconded by Carter. Motion passed.

2023 FARM BILL: Brozek inquired how involved is our District? Pfarr mentioned some of the projects etc.

REPORTS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Groebner N/A

TSA: Prescott spoke on behalf of Maurer, At the March 29th TSA meeting, Dawn and Russ commented there are all kinds of webinar trainings for anyone to take on almost everything. If interested contact Dawn or Russ.

RCRCA: Carter reported on projects; small dam by Walnut Grove, Holly township 4 projects.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: See Attachment 4

RESOURCE SPECIALIST: Pfarr reported working on 8 RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) applications. Pfarr is also working on his level 3 JAA course, it is a week long program.

WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN: Mathiowetz reported on Greater Blue River Basin. U of M will be doing residue surveys this spring. AgBMP explained how the dollars and equipment work with this program.

CONSERVATION SPECIALIST: Bauer reported that he is sending out letters for updating files with ownership, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Out of 230 sent letters so far 159 letters were responded to. RIM spot checks are coming up. Mentioned the Great River Greening program. Also, mentioned he is doing a lot of classes to help with knowledge building he is working on getting his JAA.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR: Brozek reported he attended the Cottonwood 1W1P meeting. Learning Time Tracker etc. commented he had no previous experience and commented Scott Wold is teaching him. Wold also requested to get paid, asked for \$80 per hour to assist with training Brozek. Motion by Timm, Seconded by Carter to pay Wold \$80 per hour up to 10-15 hours for the training of Nick Brozek. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Pfarr brought up the Soil and Water Hwy signs replacement. Carter not in favor, would rather have money to spend on other projects. Potter said they will table it and bring it up with all the board members at the next meeting. Prescott, mentioned per Maurer's absence about the rescheduling of the tour that was planned and canceled due to the wet weather last year. He suggested late May, early June after spring planting. Potter said that sounded good, Timm and Carter agreed, Pfarr and Prescott will start making new arrangements to get this lined up.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is planned for May 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. USDA Service Center Conference Room (SWCD Building)

ADJOURNMENT: Potter adjourned the meeting at 9:55a.m.



SUPERVISOR