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*Conservation Specialist*

**MINUTES FROM THE July 12, 2023 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 8:34 a.m. by Chair Jeff Potter.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Potter - Chair  
Ed Carter - Vice Chair  
Joseph Plaetz- Secretary  
Brian Timm - PR & I  
Rick Maurer - Treasurer

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dennis Groebner, Commissioner

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Brozek commented FSA would like to come in sooner than indicated on the Agenda and addition to add Darold Knakmus contract. Motion by Plaetz, second by Maurer to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

June 14, 2023 minutes; Motion by Maurer, second by Timm to approve minutes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: FSA:** Susie Terhaar FSA spokesperson; Terhaar explained about the 2023 County Committee Elections and asked Redwood SWCD to help spread the word on Nominations for August 1, 2023. The board said we could do whatever she would like us to do as needed. Terhaar and Prescott will keep in touch.

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

**BILLS PAYABLE:** Motion by Carter, second by Maurer to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried.

**GRANT TRACKER:** Informational

**SPONSORSHIP WABASSO RABBITS STREAM (all year) \$75.00.** Brozek mentioned that Vicki Kletscher stated that the County cannot sponsor. Board decided not to do. Motion by Carter to not sponsor the Streaming, Second by Maurer. Motion Passed.

**MN STATE COORDINATOR PHEASANTS FOREVER:** Brozek, explained that Renville County is now interested in the partnership with Redwood County and Pheasants Forever, Redwood Board members stated that they would like someone from Pheasants Forever to come out again to re-explain how this partnership would work. Contact with Tanner Bruse will be made to set up someone to come to an upcoming Redwood SWCD Board meeting.

**SWCD CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2023 GUIDELINES ON USE OF SWCD AID PAYMENTS.** Brozek explained SWCD Aid Payments. Motion by Plaetz, second by Maurer. Motion Passed.

**REDWOOD SOIL/WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ROAD SIGNS;** Redwood SWCD Board selected Blue in color with the saying for the 6 Hwy signs (59,71,68 & 19) to be replaced. Discussion; Motion by Timm for the signs to be ordered and replaced, seconded by Maurer. Motion Passed.

**SOIL HEALTH FIELD DAY SPONSOR:** Pfarr discussed Field Day Soil Health at Matt Tiffany's and the great turnout. He continued to share, LCCMR says we need to do 3 meetings a year & requested that Redwood SWCD allocates \$500 out of a grant to host upcoming field days. Pfarr is working on next year's field day location. Motion by Plaetz to allocate \$500 paid out of Grant dollars for Field days, seconded by Carter. Motion passed.

**BWSR WATER HOLDING GRANT:** Pfarr reported; the grant has been awarded and money is coming end of August. (*Informational*)

**STATE COST SHARE APPLICATION:** Contract; Pfarr-CS-22-5 WASCB \$2,968.25 Motion by Maurer, seconded by Plaetz, Motion passed.

**DISTRICT COST SHARE APPLICATION:** Contract; Plaetz-DCS-22-23-6 \$6,774.00 (Supervisor Plaetz abstained from this voting.) Motion by Carter, seconded by Timm, Motion passed.

#### **REPORTS:**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Groebner mentioned County Rd 13 getting done, lots of calls on thistle in ditches and not getting sprayed. Court House Open House coming up.

**TSA:** Maurer couldn't make the last meeting.

**RCRCA:** Carter reported knocking down sand dunes \$56,000 bid. Cottonwood 1W1P on tract, Redwood 1W1P \$238,000 plan to BWSR, the two canoe trips put on my RCRCA July 26 and 29 had 48ppl in total.

**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:** Kjorness reported on Attachment 4

**RESOURCE SPECIALIST:** Pfarr update about M&M Farms project coming to an end. Benedict Class A land transaction, Lussenhop – completed, Petersen-completed.

**WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN:** Mathiowetz had nothing to report at this time.

**CONSERVATION SPECIALIST:** Bauer reported, Spot check on CREP/RIM easements finishing up next week, paying out Lussenhop, talked about his training last month.

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR:** Brozek asked for any questions from the SWCD Board Supervisors. None was asked.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Conservation Tour immediately following the board meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting is planned for August 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. USDA Service Center Conference Room (SWCD Building)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Potter adjourned the meeting at 9:55.

  
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SUPERVISOR