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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 8 a.m.
USDA Service Center
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Present: Bob Schiefelbein, Fred Behnke, John Haffley, Dan Barka and Greg Jans. Staff Present: Joe Norman, Matt Anderson, Cory Salzl and Deb Holtz, SWCD; Jacob Stich, NRCS; and Josh Pommier, Pheasants Forever.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schiefelbein at 8:10 a.m.

Agenda: Motion by Barka and seconded by Jans to approve the agenda with the addition of the following items: two items of correspondence, TSA/Stearns Agreements and Funding Opportunity for Private Well Testing. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Minutes: Motion by Behnke and seconded by Jans to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2018, meetings. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Barka and seconded by Jans to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit, including bills paid and bills payable in the amount of \$34,225.53 plus Supervisor compensation. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Correspondence: Holtz presented information on MCIT videos available for Supervisors, a MASWCD Legislative Update, an email chain related to MASWCD Resolutions, a letter from Eden Valley-Watkins Joint Water Board and information on locally led workshops. No action was taken.

Field Office Report: Jacob Stich, Joe Norman, Cory Salzl and Matt Anderson reported on their recent activities. Norman also gave his report on the WCTSA meeting at this time. Deb Holtz provided updates on candidates who have filed for election as a Meeker SWCD Supervisor and plans for the new building.

Farm Bill Report: Josh Pommier presented his report.

Training/Meeting Requests: Motion by Barka and seconded by Jans to approve attendance of Deb Holtz, Matt Anderson, John Haffley and Fred Behnke at the June 21 Area 2 meeting. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to approve the attendance of Matt Anderson and Joe Norman at cover crop training and all expenses incurred. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the attendance of Matt Anderson at Agricultural Drainage and Future of Water Quality Workshop in Mankato on June 27 and all expenses incurred. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the attendance of Joe Norman at a District Managers' Meeting in Clearwater on July 24/25 and all expenses incurred. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Barka to approve the attendance of Cory Salzl at County Ag Inspector Short Course on July 16 – 18 in St. Cloud and all expenses incurred. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to approve the attendance of Cory Salzl at Regional CFO training in St. Cloud on June 6 and all expenses incurred. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Meeker County Buffer Cost Share Policy: Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to adopt the Meeker County Buffer Cost Share Policy as presented by Matt Anderson. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Said policy is attached to the minutes of this meeting and thereby made a part hereof.

2019 County Allocation Request: Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the 2019 County Allocation Request as presented by Deb Holtz. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

TSA/Stearns Agreements: Motion by Barka and seconded by Jans to approve the Joint Powers Agreement on Ag Water Quality Certification as presented by Joe Norman. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Barka and seconded by Jans to approve the Joint Powers Agreement on Ag Water Quality Engineering Assistance as presented by Joe Norman. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to approve the Joint Powers Agreement on Conservation Planning in the Sauk River Watershed as presented by Joe Norman. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant: Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the request for Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant as presented by Josh Pommier. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Pheasants Forever Partner Agreement: Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the Pheasants Forever Partner Agreement as presented by Deb Holtz. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Funding Opportunity for Private Well Testing: Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to have Cory Salzl apply for funding from the Department of Health for private well testing in Meeker County. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Cost Share: Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the Mark Fritsch Wetland Restoration contract, LC17-07, in the amount of \$257.25. 2017 Local Capacity funds will be used. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Barka and seconded by Jans to amend Fred Behnke's contract LC16-05 to extend completion from 6/30/2018 to 9/30/2018. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Fred Behnke abstained.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve the David Prieve water sediment basin project, LC17-08, in the amount of \$5,514.20. 2017 and 2018 Local Capacity funds will be used. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to approve the Zion Lutheran Church rain garden project,

LC18-01, in the amount of \$2,000. 2018 Local Capacity funds will be used. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Outstanding Conservationist: Motion by Barka and seconded by Haffley to name John and Lisa Holmquist Meeker SWCD's Outstanding Conservationists of the Year for 2018. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Self-Assessment Tool: This topic was delayed until a future meeting because of time constraints.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 2018. A new photograph of the Board will be taken following that meeting.

Adjournment: Chairman Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Secretary

Date