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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 8:00 a.m.
Meeker SWCD Offices
522 South Johnson Drive
Litchfield, MN 55355

Present: Fred Behnke, John Haffley, Greg Jans, Jon Hoff, and Bob Schiefelbein. Staff Present: Joe Norman, Ann Steinhaus, Jaden Hunter and Lacey Clark, SWCD; Brittney Hubbell, Pheasants Forever.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schiefelbein at 8:09 a.m.

Agenda: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Behnke to approve the agenda with the addition of the cost share contract for Josh Pommier to the agenda. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Minutes: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the minutes from the June 8th, 2023, regular meeting. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Behnke to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit, including bills payable in the amount of \$74,246.83 and bills paid. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to finalize the 2022 Buffer Implementation Grant as presented. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the 2023 Guidelines on the Use of SWCD Aid Payments as presented. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Field Office Report: Norman, Hunter, and Steinhaus reported on their recent activities and programs. Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to participate in the well testing clinic that is being put on by Stearns SWCD in Kimball. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Farm Bill Report: Hubbell reported on her recent activities.

Meeting/Training Reports: Steinhaus gave an update on the CFO Regional meeting that she attended.

Training/Meeting Requests: None.

DNR Well Observation Agreement: Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to authorize Steinhaus to sign the DNR Well Observation Agreement. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Pheasants Forever Partnership Agreement & Annual Contribution: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the Pheasants Forever Partnership Agreement and the \$4,000 annual contribution. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Landscape Stewardship Plan For the MRSC Watershed: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Behnke to approve the Landscape Stewardship Plan for the MRSC Watershed at a cost of \$505.41. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Outstanding Conservationist: Clark presented the board with the previously discussed nominees for Outstanding Conservationist. The topic will be continued at a later board meeting.

Cost Share: Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to amend contract NF-FY20-21, lowering the cost share amount from \$468.75 to \$375 for a well decommissioning project, and to approve payment, using 1W1P funding. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Adjournment: After a motion by Haffley, Chairman Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Secretary

Date