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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 8:00 a.m.
Meeker SWCD Offices
522 South Johnson Drive
Litchfield, MN 55355

Present: Fred Behnke, John Haffley, Jon Hoff, Greg Jans, and Bob Schiefelbein. Staff Present: Joe Norman, Jaden Hunter, Ann Steinhaus and Lacey Clark, SWCD; Jacob Stich, Taylor Gabbert, NRCS.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schiefelbein at 8:08 a.m.

Agenda: Motion by Behnke and seconded by Haffley to approve the agenda as presented.
Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Minutes: Motion by Jans and seconded by Hoff to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2025, meeting. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Jans to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit, including bills payable in the amount of \$25,508.65 and bills paid. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Behnke and seconded by Hoff to approve a \$150 donation for the Area 2 Envirothon: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the 2025 billing rates as presented. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Clark presented the board with the Cost Share Spot Check Report from BWSR, which went well.

Field Office Report: Norman, Hunter and Steinhaus reported on recent activities and programs.

Farm Bill Report: Steinhaus gave Hubbell's report. Stich reported on his recent activities and programs.

Meeting/Training Reports: None.

Training/Meeting Requests: Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve Norman attending the Managers Meeting in St. Cloud. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Master Gardener Tree Donation: Motion by Jans and seconded by Hoff to approve the annual tree donation for the Master Gardeners at a cost of \$548. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Soil Health Compaction Meeting: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Jans to approve spending up to \$1,500 for costs of the meeting. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Cost Share: Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to encumber contract SH25-02 for a windbreak/shelterbelt establishment project in the amount of \$1,494.70, using FY25 Soil Health funding. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Haffley and seconded by Behnke to encumber contract SA23-05, a Water Retention Basin project in the amount of \$5,000.00, using FY23 State Aid funding. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Adjournment: After a motion by Haffley, Chairman Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

Secretary

Date