

MINUTES FROM THE JULY 5, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Itasca County Soil & Water Conservation District was held in the ICSWCD Conference Room, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, July 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Isaacs at 9: 00 a.m.

Members Present: Chair- Chuck Isaacs
Secretary- Darrell Lauber
Vice Chair- Ted Lovdahl
Reporter- Calvin Saari

Absent: Donald Simons- Treasurer

Others Present: District Manager – Andy Arens
Office Administrator- Kathleen Cone
Resource Technician- Matthew Johnson
NRCS District Conservationist- Soil Con Technician
Bill Grantges- County AIS Coordinator

The Pledge of Allegiance took place.

Guest: Bill Grantges AIS: Bill Grantges gave a review of the Itasca County Invasive Species Program Report. The report included Priority Areas, Early Detection Training, Control and Monitoring, Budget Summary, Communication & Awareness and a List of Infested Waters.

Agenda: Motion by Saari, second by Lovdahl to approve the agenda with additions under Cost Share Special Projects: Gustanski Payment. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Lovdahl, second by Saari to approve minutes from the June 7, 20, and 21, 2016 regular and special meeting. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lauber reported the bills were reviewed and everything is in order. Saari will replace Simons on any committees until his return. A motion by Lauber, second by Lovdahl to approve the Treasurer's Report. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

WETLANDS

COST SHARE/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Obwell Contract: A motion by Lovdahl, second by Lauber to approve the Obwell contract dating from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for \$720. Affirmative, all. Motion carried.

WIRT White Cedar: A motion by Saari, second by Lovdahl to approve the WIRT White Cedar Project with JPB and Lake being a partner in it. Lake will be the fiscal agent. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Gustanski Payment: A motion by Lovdahl, second Lauber to approve the BG 16-2 Cost-Share payment for Chris and Amie Gustanski's 100' of willow bundles, bank erosion, and native buffer project. Amount approved is \$1,050. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

WATER PLAN

WPIC Update: There was discussion on the Water Plan update for the Itasca SWCD. The District will ask for an amendment to the extension until December 31 of 2019 with full update to March of 2020. A motion by Lovdahl, second by Lauber to approve the amended extension. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Next WPIC meeting will be held on August 9 at the Itasca SWCD office.

FORESTRY/SHORELAND

Technician Hiring Update: Mike Sauter accepted the Forestry Technician position and he will start on July 11th.

Interviews for the Office Assistant will be held after the Regular Board Meeting Today:

AIS

EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATION

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS:

Asplund reported there has been no word on the NRCS lease agreement. A monthly report has been handed out to the Board.

A motion by Lovdahl, second by Lauber to enter Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

The next meeting date will be August 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion by Saari, second by Lovdahl to adjourn from regular board session at 10:23 a.m.
Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Secretary