

MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Itasca County Soil & Water Conservation District was held in the ICSWCD Conference Room, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, August 2, 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- Marge Sella
Water Resource Specialist- Kim Yankowiak
Chris Evans- AIS Coordinator
Matt Johnson- Wetland Specialist
Jim Goodman- Enbridge
Jen Maliefske- Enbridge
Bruce Erickson- Sugar Lake

The Pledge of Allegiance took place.

Guest: Enbridge- Jen Maliefske and Jim Goodman. Enbridge representatives gave a presentation on Line 67 and Line 3 that runs through Minnesota. They are working on replacing line 3 that starts in Edmonton and they will follow the existing utility corridors with a 34” pipe. The line from Clearbrook to Superior will change in route from the existing a little. They need to obtain a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for that process. A wonderful presentation was presented and they stated notification of an upcoming comment period this fall with public meetings will be scheduled. The Itasca SWCD office will be notified of this process.

Sissembakwat: Bruce Erickson from Sugar Lake presented a project proposal for Sissembakwat/Sugar Lake. A rock weir would replace an old existing log dam that flows out of the lake. A motion by Lovdahl, second by Saari to approve the District to apply for a Community Partners Grant for \$25,000. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Community Partners Grant, second project: A motion by Saari, second by Lovdahl to approve applying for a second project through Community Partners. The original plan has been amended and approved to an alternate site for a storm water retention pond in S.E. Grand Rapids for \$25,000. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Arens will look at the best options for applying for both of these grants, whether together or separate.

Agenda: Motion by Saari, second by Lovdahl to approve the agenda with addition under Administration, MCIT Dividend. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Lovdahl, second by Saari to approve minutes from the July 5, 2016 regular Board meeting. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lauber reported the bills were reviewed and everything is in order. A motion by Lauber, second by Lovdahl to approve the Treasurer's Report. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

WETLANDS

CSAH 89 Reconstruction: A motion by Lovdahl, second by Lauber to approve the reconstruction of CSAH 89 with wetland impacts of 5.56 acres. The TEP and CORP both approve the project. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Kellin Exemption: A motion by Lovdahl, second by Saari to approve an Exemption for Kellin for a driveway through a type 7 wetland. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

COST SHARE/SPECIAL PROJECTS

BG 14 C/S Close-out: Arens presented an overview of the Cost-Share closeout for 2014. There were two projects for \$6,931.

WATER PLAN

WPIC Update: Next WPIC meeting will be held on August 9 at the Itasca SWCD office at 9:30 a.m.

Water Resources Update: The CCM intern will be leaving on August 12, 2016. The WPLMN 14 is being closed out and the FY16 for WPLMN will be starting. The SWAG grant and Ecofootprint are moving along and doing well. There will be a Bigfork WRAPS meeting scheduled for October, all will be notified. There will be an Upper Mississippi Web X meeting on August 8. Emails on this will be sent out soon.

FORESTRY/SHORELAND

SFIA Monitoring: Sauter gave a review of the SFIA Monitoring. There could be \$1.34/acre more in funding available.

AIS

Monitoring and Control Update: Coordinator Evans reported 109 lake surveys have been completed as of July 31, 2016. Funding in the amount of \$70,000 has arrived from the county. The 2017 Budget for AIS C/M has allocated \$7400 to purchase a decontamination unit.

EDUCATION

Youth Water Summit 2016 Report: Cone reported the 2016 Youth Water Summit was held May 24th at Itasca County Fairgrounds. It started at 8:45 a.m. with an opening with Native Songs and ended at 2:15 p.m. There were 130 presenters and volunteers with everyone wearing Water Day T-shirts. There was around 380 fifth grade students divided into groups of 10. Each presenter had around 8 presentations that lasted 30 minutes. Justin Lyles was the Key Note speaker again this year. The cost to put on this event for 2016 is around \$5400.

ADMINISTRATION

Fall Tour & Meeting, September 22 & 23, Lake of the Woods: Cone will make room reservations for three supervisors, Lauber, Lovdahl, and Saari with registration to follow.

2017 County Budget: There was discussion about the 2017 Budget. The Board would like to see the Itasca SWCD in the General Budget with the County.

MCIT 2016 Dividend: Cone reviewed the MCIT Dividend. The 2016 Dividend is \$2,053 allocated as follows: Worker's Compensation \$719 and Property/Casualty \$1,334. Funds will arrive in November.

2016 MASWCD Prospectus on Elections: The 2016 MASWCD Prospectus for Elections was handed out to all Supervisors.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS:

Sella reported there has been no word on the NRCS lease agreement. A monthly report has been handed out to the Board. The EQIP deadline is August 19, 2016.

A motion by Lovdahl, second by Saari to enter Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

The next meeting date will be September 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion by Saari, second by Lovdahl to adjourn from regular board session at 11:03 a.m.
Affirmative, All. Motion carried.

Secretary