MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 74, Warren, Minnesota, November 29, 2023.

Miller called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman, Brent Miller

Secretary, Randy Larson Treasurer, Barry Walton Public Relations, Carl Green

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman, Joey Peterson

Others Present: District Manager, Darren Carlson

Administrative Assistant, Janelle Kollin District Conservationist, Matt Waterworth

Pheasants Forever, Micah Ranum

Minutes – Motion by Walton, seconded by Green to accept the minutes as mailed from the October 31, 2023, board meeting.

Affirmative: Larson, Walton and Green

Opposed: None

Motion carried

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Motion by Walton, seconded by Green to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report.

Affirmative: Larson, Walton and Green

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

NRCS Report – Waterworth informed on the following: EQIP interviews are starting next week; CSP signup starts January 12th; completed 60-70 new CRP contracts.

<u>Pheasant's Forever Report</u> – Micah gave an update on what he's been working on. See attached report.

<u>Area Meeting</u> – Carlson reported that SWCD's will be receiving an increase in funding for cover crop and possibly additional staff.

RIM rates were reviewed. These are based on township rates.

There was discussion on wetland credits.

Sue Peterson from the County came over to review things with Kollin to help in the interim of filling her position.

Carlson reported that with the nice weather, the Technical Service Area is still doing survey work.

<u>Middle/Snake/Tamarac 1W1P</u> – A meeting is scheduled for December 20th to discuss cost share rates.

<u>Thief River 1W1P</u> – A meeting is scheduled for December 19th at the Watershed District.

State Convention is scheduled for December 11-13. Tracy Anderson is going to let us know if he will be attending.

<u>Discussion on signing checks</u> – Motion by Larson, seconded by Green to have Brent stop at the bank to sign the signature card and come in to sign checks.

Affirmative: Larson, Walton and Green

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

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The next meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY**, **December 20, 2023**, at 10:00 a.m. at the SWCD office.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Secretary		



November 2023 Report

Micah Ranum, Farm Bill Biologist

Trainings/Meetings:

- JAA Training
 - Over 40 hours of online and 40 hours of in-person.
 - o 50 hours online.
- MN Pheasants Forever State convention (1/18-1/20)
- PF/MN team meeting (11/30)

Ongoing Work:

- CRP State Incentive Pilot Program.
 - o Red Lake River floodplain.
 - o Thief River potentially being added.
 - o Letter and Mailing list completed.
 - o Letters to be mailed 11/27.
- Looking for landowners who would like our new PF/USDA CRP signs on their property.
- Technical assistance for any landowner needs.
- PF Looking for interested landowners for potential "Prescribed Burning Associations".
- Contract Mods
- Practice Certifications
- CRP Status Reviews
- RIM application(s)

Completed:

- Mailing list for CRP/RIM outreach.
- 2 contract modifications
- 2 practice certifications
- 6 landowner contacts

TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMER 29, 2023

8005Anita Anderson	Cost Share	\$	1800.00
8006Clayton Pearson	Cost Share	\$	900.00
8007Danelle Klassy	Cost Share	\$	900.00
8008Darren Carlson	November 1-15, 2023	\$	2226.47
8009Maxwell Carlson	November 1-15, 2023	\$	41.56
8010Michael Carlson	November 1-15, 2023	\$	1536.78
8011Janelle Kollin	November 1-15, 2023	\$	1850.14
EFTBremer	Federal Withholding	\$	2106.90
EFTMN Child Support	Child Support	\$	80.00
EFTOrchard Trust	DCP	\$	600.00
EFTPERA	November 1-15, 2023	\$	1196.87
8012Darren Carlson	Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$	50.00
8013Janelle Kollin	Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$	50.00
8014Michael Carlson	Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$	50.00
8015Allstream	Phone	\$	12.94
8016City of Warren	Water and Electricity	\$	72.25
8017Elan Financial Services	Vehicle, Meeting Expense	\$	491.29
8018Frontier	Phone	\$	121.80
8019VOID			
8020Pennington SWCD	Engineering Assistance	\$	2592.28
8021Premium Waters	Water	\$	21.99
8022Sjoberg's Cable TV	Internet	\$	73.90
8023Mn Dept. of Agriculture	Nursery Dealer License	<u>\$</u>	350.00
	Total Disbursements	\$	17,125.17
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I declare under the penalties of law, that I am the person making the within claim: that said account is just and true: that the money therein charged was actually paid for the purposes therein stated; that the property therein charged for was actually delivered or used for the purposes therein stated, and was of the value therein charged; that the services therein charged were actually rendered, and of value therein charged and the fees or amounts charged therefore are such as are allowed by law, and no part of said account has been paid.

Approved for payment by Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District

Treasurer

//29.23 Date