

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 74, Warren, Minnesota, November 18, 2021

Green called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman, Carl Green
Vice-Chairman, Brent Miller
Secretary, Duane Potucek
Treasurer, Brad Berg
Public Relations, Wallace Bengtson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: District Manager, Darren Carlson
District Technician, Michael Carlson
Administrative Assistant, Janelle Kollin
District Conservationist, Matt Waterworth
Pheasants Forever, Jill Fejszes

Minutes - Motion by Potucek, seconded by Bengtson to accept the minutes as mailed from the September 15, 2021 board meeting.

Affirmative: Miller, Potucek, Berg and Bengtson

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Motion by Bengtson, seconded by Potucek to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report.

Affirmative: Miller, Potucek, Berg and Bengtson

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Pheasants Forever – see attached

NRCS Report – Waterworth informed on the following: CRP site visits, EQIP signup through February.

Cost Share Payments – Motion by Berg, seconded by Miller to accept and approve cost share to Matt Waterworth in the amount of \$5274 on the basis of 75%. The funds will come out of the following:

SCS-19-03 - \$3097.70
SCS-20-01 - \$ 240.50
ENG 21-02 - \$1935.80

Affirmative: Miller, Potucek, Berg and Bengtson

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Potucek, seconded by Berg to pay the following vouchers when they are turned in as long as the cost estimate doesn't exceed the cost share set aside:

Dale Barth	\$14299.20 – MCBCS-60, 61, 62
Elroy Aune	\$22533.75 – MCBCS-120
Todd Bjorgaard	\$6039.00 – MCBCS-121
Lionel Hoff	\$9261.00 – MCBCS-93
Joel Mattson	\$9274.50 – MCBCS-214
Duane Sandage	\$17292.00 – ENG-20-01
	\$3318.00 – SCS-21-03
Duane Sandage	\$6089.80 – SCS-20-02
	\$2091.20 – SCS-21-02
Rodney Teigen	\$4633.20 – MCBCS-335
Barry Walton	\$14691.14 – ENG 19-04
	\$6742.36 - ENG 21-03
Rolland Miller	\$4663.20 – ENG 18-21
	\$3030.30 – ENG 19-06

Affirmative: Miller, Potucek, Berg and Bengtson

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Berg, seconded by Miller to approve cost share for Matt Ellerbush in McCrea township, Contract SCS-19-01 tree planting contract with total cost being \$3822.80 and 75% cost share being \$2867.10.

Affirmative: Miller, Potucek, Berg and Bengtson

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Additional cost share contracts were reviewed. They can do a one year extension if they don't get done this fall. The one year extension is for the following and will need amendments:

Eider Farms – MCBCS-124
Patrick Erickson – ENG-18-05 and ENG 19-07
Don Loeslie – ENG-19-03
Duane Potucek – ENG-18-02 and ENG-19-08
Luther Anderson – ENG-18-07
Albin Chaplinski – ENG-18-04 and ENG-19-02
James Jacobson – ENG-19-06
CJ Lofgren – SCS-19-02 and SCS-21-01
Brad Lunke – MCBCS-123
Justin Lunsetter – MCBCS-117
Damon Stroble – ENG-18-09 and ENG-21-01

The AgBMP updated log was reviewed. It looks like next April/May will be the next time money will be available.

Well Sealing Update – The county has agreed to give \$4000.00 towards well sealings for 2021.

Buffers – The County mailed out the last friendly reminder letter to approximately 232 people. The SWCD received an additional \$20,000 from BWSR to implement the program.

Drill Program – The SWCD completed 60 drill planting sites in 2021 for a total of 1278.85 acres.

Tree Plantings – The SWCD completed 9 tree planting sites in 2021 for a total of 5282 trees planted. To date, the SWCD has 5 planting sites already for 2022.

Tree Shed Agreement – The proposal was handed out. Motion by Bengtson, seconded by Potucek to rent for \$150/month for 10 years. Arlan Anderson will draw up a contract.

Affirmative: Miller, Potucek, Berg, Bengtson

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Equipment – A complete list of everything the SWCD has, what we need and what we need to get rid of will be completed.

Swift Coulee – The area is located between Warren and Alvarado. Middle/Snake/Tamarac Watershed District is proposing on installing set back earthen berms. Ground inside the berms potentially could be eligible for CRP and RIM. There are 41 parcels/28 landowners involved. The landowners potentially can put the land in a perpetual RIM easement or can enroll into CRP and then RIM. An open house meeting is planned at the Courthouse to discuss this on November 18th. The SWCD will be appoint of contact for CRP/RIM.

State Convention – The convention is scheduled December 12-14, 2021 in Bloomington

The 2020 Audit Report was passed out.

Carlson informed that Duane Steinbrink should be available for at least another year.

The next meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021** at 8:00 a.m. at the SWCD office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary