



A G E N D A
SWCD MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 15, 2018 – 8:30 AM
11360 Highway 212, Suite 6, Cologne, MN
SWCD Phone: 952-466-5230

Call meeting to order

* **Public comments (limited to five minutes)** *Anyone wishing to address the SWCD Board of Supervisors on an item not on the Agenda may do so at this time. Please limit your comments to five minutes.*

Approval of Agenda

Approval of February Minutes

Pages 1-3

Acceptance of February Treasurer’s Report

Pages 4-7

Carver SWCD Committee Reports

1. Personnel Committee (Zabel, Sons) –
2. Metro Conservation Districts Committee (Zabel; Burandt, alt.) – Report from February 28th meeting.
3. Education & Outreach Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – There are 5 teams registered for the Junior Envirothon, and 13 for the Senior Envirothon. The event will be held Monday, April 30th at the Arboretum.
4. Budget Committee (Sons, Zbinden) –
5. WMO Advisory Committee (Wendland; Zbinden alt.) - Report from February 27th meeting.
6. CCL Committee (Burandt; Zbinden alt.)

Other Reports:

- Carver County Reports
- NRCS Monthly report
- SWCD Monthly Progress Report

Pages 8-10

Correspondence

1. The next Metro Area 4 meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ramsey Conservation District in Arden Hills.

Old Business

1. Buffer discussion (placeholder) – Buffer Cost Share Grant. Each SWCD was provided BWSR grant funds to assist with seeding costs of buffers and alternative practices. Carver SWCD received \$10,000 – of which \$6,300 has been reserved for projects. \$3,700 will be returned to BWSR. *Motion to return funds.*
2. MASWCD Legislative Days report.
3. Pollinator grant update (from February Board meeting).

New Business

1. Budget Amendment – In accordance with the budget policy, a budget amendment is needed for 2018. Project costs will exceed the original budget amount (unanticipated large projects). *Pages 12-13*
2. Crow River streambank (Camden Township road) project. The project is nearly complete, final seeding will be completed in spring. Approve payment of invoice, see packet for details. *Page 14*
3. Great Plains drill purchase. Staff is recommending the purchase of a new drill to replace the old Truax Drill and advance the soil health/cover crop program. The recommendation is included. *Pages 15-16*
4. Ron Olson grassed waterways – 9 grassed waterways are being planned at the head of County Ditch 6, and will be funded under the special CD6 grant received. A detailed fact sheet is enclosed. The total cost estimate is \$57,339; with cost sharing not to exceed 75% of the total cost, \$43,004.25 *Pages 17-21*

Other

1. **Supervisor Announcements/Reports.** Marcus – report on Leadership Trip to Washington D.C.
2. March is the end of the first quarter; please turn in your compensation forms to Felicia!
3. Rain gauge reports (*February 2018*):

James Campbell (Hollywood Twp.)	0.87"	Patrick Cole (City of Watertown) "	David Wroge (YA Twp.)	0.79"
James Gilbert (Waconia)	1.18"	Sue Goede (Waconia Twp.)	Bill Sites (Waconia)	0"
Fred Sirota (Chaska)	0.97"	Public Works Headquarters		0.50"

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

March 12-13MASWCD Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol
 March 15SWCD Board Meeting – 8:30 AM
 April 4.....MACD Meeting at the Ramsey SWCD Office
 April 19SWCD Board Meeting – 8:30 AM
 April 27-28Tree Handout Dates
 April 30Metro Area Envirothon, U of M Landscape Arboretum, Chaska MN
 May 17.....SWCD Board Meeting – 8:30 AM
 May 28.....Memorial Day – *SWCD Office Closed*
 June 21SWCD Board Meeting – 8:30 AM
 July 4Independence Day – *SWCD Office Closed*
 July 19.....SWCD Board Meeting – 8:30 AM
 August 16SWCD Board Meeting – 8:30 AM
 September 3.....Labor Day – *SWCD Office Closed*
 September 20SWCD Board Meeting – 8:30 AM