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**Minutes of the February 22, 2018 Board Meeting
for the Carver Soil & Water Conservation District
Held at the Public Works Facility in Cologne, MN**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wendland at 8:06 AM.

Members Present: Chair, Stanley Wendland
Vice Chair, Robert Burandt
Secretary/Treasurer, Jeffrey Sons
Member, Marcus Zbinden

Members Absent: Member, Mark Zabel

SWCD Staff Present: District Manager, Mike Wanous
Administrative & Finance Specialist, Felicia Brockoff

Motion was made by Sons, seconded by Zbinden to approve the revised February Agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sons, seconded by Zbinden to approve the January 18, 2018 Regular Board meeting Minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The January Treasurer's Report was discussed and approved, subject to audit. Felicia reported the audit was conducted February 1st with Peterson & Company.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Personnel Committee (Zabel, Sons) – Nothing to report
2. Metro Conservation District's (MCD) Committee (Zabel primary; Burandt alt.) – The next Board meeting is February 28.
3. Education & Outreach Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – A spring newsletter will most likely be send out in late March. Some topics included wetland violations, the buffer law, and announcing the tree hand out days.

4. Budget Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – 2019 budget planning will begin in March or April.
5. CCWMO Advisory Committee (Wendland primary; Zbinden alt.) – Chair Wendland reported on the January 30th meeting, where the WMO discussed the draft water plan. Paul Moline is planning on attending the SWCD Board meeting in March to discuss the draft plan with the SWCD Supervisors. Chair Wendland asked the SWCD Board to remember the term PTM (Prioritize, Target and Measure) during planning processes.

8:24 AM – Supervisor Burandt arrived at this time.

6. Carver County Leaders (CCL) Committee (Burandt primary; Zbinden alt.) – Burandt reported on the January 23 meeting. Met Council is preparing the 2040 transportation policy plan, which was discussed with the group. Burandt also mentioned the Representative Jim Nash attended the CCL meeting.

Carver County Report – Mike reported that Paul couldn't attend the meeting today. A technical advisory committee (TAC) meeting will be held on February 23 to discuss watershed based funding for projects under the One Watershed, One Plan approach. The SWCD has been working with watershed districts and the WMO to come up with a collaborative approach to disburse the funds designated for Carver County.

Zbinden also gave a County report. He stated the Environmental Services department has been looking for a brush site in Carver County. Brush would be stored, and chipped on the property, and then shipped to Shakopee where it is burned for energy. The Arboretum in Chaska offered a 2 acre parcel to the County to use at no costs, however residents near the site oppose the proposed location. Carver County may potentially purchase land east of the Public Works facility, which is currently for sale. If the County does purchase the parcel, he mentioned that the SWCD could install a cover crop demonstration plot, with signage along Highway 212.

NRCS Report – No report.

Monthly progress report and construction projects list presented for:

SWCD Staff: District Manager, Mike Wanous
Administrative & Finance Specialist, Felicia Brockoff
Conservation Technician, Chip Hentges
Resource Conservationist, Terry Meiller
District Technician, Aaron Finke
Resource Conservation Technician, Seth Ristow
Farm Bill Technician, Ben Datres

CORRESPONDENCE:

MASWCD sent a thank you letter to Governor Dayton, thanking him for making water quality initiatives a priority in Minnesota, specifically the '25 by 2025' initiative.

OLD BUSINESS:

Buffer update: Ben is working on the mailing list for landowners along public ditches, with the letters going out shortly. According to the buffer law, FSA staff is supposed to review landowners who applying to get into CRP for a buffer. If the landowners are in violation of the buffer law, they may not be eligible for CRP.

NEW BUSINESS:

MASWCD's legislative days at the Capitol are scheduled for March 12-13. Appointments have been made with Representatives Hoppe and Nash the morning of March 13; Senator Jensen had conflicts with March 13, but his staff suggested a meeting within the District at a later date. Mike will follow up with Supervisors on who will be attending the legislative visits at the Capitol as it gets closer.

Bruce Tice has completed the majority of the work on his DRAP streambank stabilization project, and has requested a partial payment. Total invoices to date were \$18,707.95; seeding needs to be completed in the spring. Motion was made by Zbinden, seconded by Sons, to authorize a partial cost-share payment of \$12,627.86 (75% of the total, minus 10% of \$1,403.10) to ensure project completion in the spring. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2017 Annual Report & 2018 Annual Plan has been completed, which was reviewed at this time. After discussion, Zbinden moved, Burandt seconded to accept the 2017 Annual Report & 2018 Annual Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Felicia reported that Peterson & Company Ltd. completed the audit for 2017 on February 1st. The statements have been submitted to BWSR for approval. Copies were enclosed for the Supervisors.

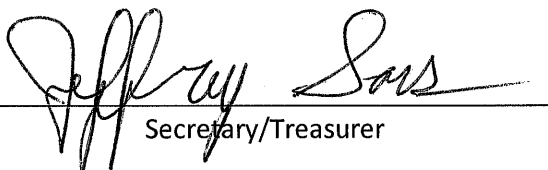
Zbinden reported he was in Washington, D.C. last week as a part of the MASWCD Leadership institute. The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation gave a presentation about conservation grants available for monarch butterfly and pollinator habitat. Francine Larson from the Sherburne SWCD was also on the trip, and shared they have partnered with Great River Greening for a grant. Mike also talked to Francine and received more information. After discussion, the Board consensus was that the Carver SWCD should also try to partner on the application though Great River Greening, who is the grant administrator.

OTHER:

Burandt moved, Zbinden seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 8:30 AM
Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 3
11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Approved: _____


Secretary/Treasurer

Date: March 15, 2018