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**Minutes of the March 15, 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 Vice Chair Burandt at 8:33 AM.

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

Members Absent: Chair, Stanley Wendland

SWCD Staff Present: District Manager, Mike Wanous
Administrative & Finance Specialist, Felicia Brockoff
Resource Conservationist, Terry Meiller

Others Present: Carver County Planning & Water Management, Tim Sundby

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

Motion was made by Zabel, seconded by Sons to approve the February 22, 2018 Regular Board meeting Minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The February Treasurer's Report was discussed and approved, subject to audit.

Mike reported there is a Soil Health Workshop scheduled for today that Terry and Jeff Sons are planning to attend. Mike requested that the New Business items on the Agenda get moved up. Being no objection, the Board moved to the New Business items.

NEW BUSINESS:

In accordance with the budget policy, a budget amendment is needed for 2018. The SWCD received a Clean Water Partnership Grant for the Camden Township/Crow River streambank project, as well as the County Ditch 6 grant from Clean Water Funds.

Mike also mentioned the request to purchase a replacement drill listed later on the Agenda. Zabel moved, Zbinden seconded to amend the 2018 Budget as follows: increase *Intergovernmental Revenue – State* by \$230,000; increase *Project Expenses – State* by \$230,000, and increase *District Operations – Capital Outlay* by \$10,900, with the assumption that reserve funds will be used to cover the over budget equipment purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

The Crow River streambank (Camden Township road) project is nearly completed. Minnesota Native Landscapes has submitted an invoice for the work that has been completed thus far. Terry explained how the project was completed, and showed the Board pictures of the project during and after construction. He explained that the project did stay on budget, and it took a total of 5-6 weeks to complete. Minnesota Native Landscapes did all of the work, and will be coming back out in spring to finish the native seeding. The total invoice received was \$194,847.50. Mike explained the committed funding sources for the invoice will include the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (CPL) grant from the DNR (\$140,883); encumbered Disaster Relief Assistance Program (DRAP) funds (\$38,964.50); Camden Township funds (\$10,000); and the Carver County WMO funds (\$5,000). Zbinden moved, Zabel seconded to authorize a payment of \$175,362.75 (withholding 10% of the project total \$19,484.75), until the project is completed with vegetative establishment. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff has been looking into purchasing a Great Plains drill, which would replace the current Truax native grass drill. Terry explained the most limiting factor with the soil health program, is not having equipment available for landowners to interseed cover crops. Lano Equipment in Norwood has a Great Plains drill, priced at \$33,900; they would also do a \$3,000 trade in allowance for the Truax Drill. Zbinden moved, Sons seconded to trade in the Truax drill, and purchase the Great Plains drill from Lano Equipment in Norwood, total price of \$30,900. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry reported that a total of 9 waterways are being planned at the head of County Ditch 6, all of which are on Ron Olson’s property. The SWCD has received clean water funds, to do these waterways, as well as side inlets, and grade stabilizations all along County Ditch 6. Terry explained the projects to the Board, hoping that at least two of the proposed three contracts would get completed this year. He has also had discussions with Ron about getting some cover crops established in these areas, in order to prevent the waterways blowing out, and requesting additional funds to repair the fix. Zbinden moved, Zabel seconded to approve the following contracts, with the stipulation that a 10% payment will be withheld at the time of completion, to ensure vegetation is established. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Olson Waterways	CD6-CWF-01	Total Cost: \$19,090.00	Cost-share: \$14,317.50
Ron Olson Waterways	CD6-CWF-02	Total Cost: \$17,245.00	Cost-share: \$12,933.75
Ron Olson Waterways	CD6-CWF-03	Total Cost: <u>\$21,029.00</u>	Cost-share: <u>\$15,771.75</u>
Totals:		\$57,364.00	\$43,023.00

Mike reported that the service agreement with Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) needs to be renewed. This agreement covers Seth’s time while working in their watershed on projects. The only changes to the contract were the dates, and changes to the RPBCWD office location. Zabel moved, Sons seconded to renew the service agreement with RPBCWD. Motion carried unanimously.

9:35 AM – Supervisor Sons and Terry Meiller left the meeting at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Personnel Committee (Zabel, Sons) – Nothing to report.

2. Metro Conservation District's (MCD) Committee (Zabel primary; Burandt alt.) – Mark reported he was again nominated as the Chair at the February 28 meeting, and that reports were given on MCD's programs. Mike reported that the Manager also met, and have put together a Yellow Pages document for SWCD's in the metro area. These pages allow staff to ask questions of other metro SWCD staff, based on various levels of staff expertise with items/programs. The group also talked about how programs have expanded over the past 3 years, with more grants, additional funding for engineering, and for conducting sub-watershed analysis'. Zabel also reported that Ramsey SWCD informed the MCD group, that they would be dissolving, and turning all of their duties over to the County. They still have a role from the TSA, but it will be the same case as Hennepin County, in order to have a vote at MCD, a County Commissioner would need to attend the MCD meetings.
3. Education & Outreach Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – Felicia reported the Metro Envirothon is on track, Presenters have started to get their questions completed. A total of 18 teams have registered so far.
4. Budget Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – Mike reported that 2019 budget plans would most likely begin next month.
5. CCWMO Advisory Committee (Wendland primary; Zbinden alt.) – Zbinden attended the February 27th meeting. He reported that topic items were AIS, stream monitoring, and SSTS loans.
6. Carver County Leaders (CCL) Committee (Burandt primary; Zbinden alt.) – did not meet.

Carver County Report – Tim Sundby reported there was a stormwater workshop held last Friday that had about 80 attendees. This workshop is held annually, and open to anyone that would like to attend. Most of the attendees are County, City, and Watershed District staff/engineers, and a few citizens.

NRCS Report – Mike reported Katundra was going to try to attend the meeting today.

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:

The next MACD meeting is scheduled for April 4th at the Ramsey SWCD office. Anyone attending the meeting should be at the office by 7:30 AM, Mike will send out a reminder as the date gets closer.

OLD BUSINESS:

BWSR provided cost-share funds to SWCD's to assist landowners with seeding costs of buffers, and to install alternative practices to be compliant with the buffer law. BWSR has asked SWCD's that haven't used or allocated these funds, to send them back to other SWCD's could utilize them. To date, the SWCD has allocated

\$6,300. Motion was made by Zbinden, seconded by Zabel to return \$3,700 of the buffer cost-share funding back to BWSR. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike reported that he and Supervisor Burandt went to the Capitol on Tuesday, and visited with Representatives Joe Hoppe and Jim Nash, which went well. The MASWCD legislative agenda included bonding for RIM & CREP, and the District Capacity funding coming from the Clean Water Fund instead of the General Funds.

Mike gave the Board an update on the pollinator habitat grant that was discussed at the February meeting. Great River Greening will again be applying for grant funds, which Sherburne SWCD has been involved with in the past. The Carver SWCD will also be included in the grant, and could look into sites at a Carver County Park, a City Park, or perhaps the Arboretum in Chaska.

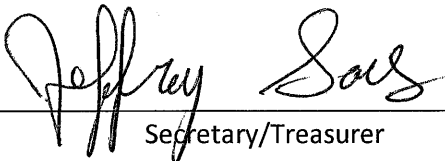
OTHER:

Zbinden gave the Board a report on his recent trip to Washington DC under the MASWCD leadership program.

Supervisors were reminded that March is the end of the first quarter, and compensation forms need to be turned into Felicia.

Zabel moved, Zbinden seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 8:30 AM
Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 3
11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Approved:  _____
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: April 19, 2018