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**SUPERVISORS:**

**CHAIR**

**Stan Wendland**  
8040 Dakota Ln.  
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*District I*

**Minutes of the May 17, 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 8:40 AM.

**VICE CHAIR**

**Bob Burandt**  
1340 Waconia Pkwy. S  
Waconia, MN 55387  
*District IV*

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

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

**Jeff Sons**  
17180 County Rd. 51  
NYA, MN 55368  
*District V*

**Members Absent:** Member, Mark Zabel

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

**SUPERVISOR**

**Mark Zabel**  
8464 Pine Ct.  
Victoria, MN 55386  
*District III*

**Others Present:** Carver County Planning & Water Manager, Paul Moline  
Carver County Planner, Kristen Larson

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

**SUPERVISOR**

**Marcus Zbinden**  
6460 Bretton Way  
Chanhassen, MN 55317  
*District II*

Motion was made by Burandt, seconded by Zbinden to approve the April 19, 2018 Regular Board meeting Minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Personnel Committee (Zabel, Sons) – Mike's 19<sup>th</sup> SWCD anniversary was on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
2. Metro Conservation District's (MCD) Committee (Zabel primary; Burandt alt.) – Mike reported that the managers met on April 25<sup>th</sup>. They discussed Clean Water Fund grants, and went through the biennial budget request (BBR). They also discussed the pollinator grant, and having the entire MCD area included in the grant process. The sub-watershed assessments have all been completed.

Mike reported that BWSR is working on more training for technical staff, which would replace the trainings that used to be provided by NRCS. He also stated that Sheila Vanney gave the Managers a legislative update. The next MCD Board meeting will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

3. Education & Outreach Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – The Metro Envirothon was held on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the MN Landscape Arboretum in Chaska. Two teams from Hopkins High School and one from Andover High School will be advancing to the State Envirothon on Monday, May 21 near Slayton, MN.
4. Budget Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – Mike will contact the committee very soon, to schedule a meeting date to start discussing the 2019 budget.
5. CCWMO Advisory Committee (Wendland primary; Zbinden alt.) – Chair Wendland reported that Paul Moline gave an update on the WMO plan, and discussed a water resource prioritization process for projects. Potential projects for the 2019 WMO funding will include 4 capital projects: Cedar Point Park shoreline stabilization, and a sunken manhole in Waconia, the Seminary Fen study in Chaska, and septic system upgrades in the Carver Creek Watershed.
6. Carver County Leaders (CCL) Committee (Burandt primary; Zbinden alt.) – Burandt reported that the April 24<sup>th</sup> topics of discussion were metro mobility, and a presentation by the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>, Burandt is unable to attend. Depending on Agenda topics, Zbinden may attend in Burandt's place.

Carver County Report – will be discussed under New Business.

NRCS Report – Mike reported that we had a surprise visit from Curtis Oelfke (Minnesota's Acting NRCS State Conservationist) yesterday afternoon. He was visiting field offices with Katundra, and will only be in Minnesota for about another month. Mike also reported that NRCS is planning to go down to four NRCS Areas throughout the state. There will be different regional areas for NRCS management teams. Currently, the proposal had Carver County NRCS management located in LeSueur County. Mike reported he would like to send comments in to NRCS, that the more feasible office for Carver County management would be the Glencoe office. Chair Wendland requested that an official letter be drafted from the Board, with the Chair signing it voicing the Carver SWCD Board concerns. Mike will draft a letter, send it to the Board for comments, and get Chair Wendland's signature on it for submittal to NRCS.

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 has sent out legislative updates.

The MACD summer meeting and tour has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The majority of the SWCD Board members will plan to attend the tour in Scott County. Mike will send a reminder as the date gets closer.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Zabel sent language to Mike for a proposed resolution “Defining the Content of Conservation Plans” to be approved at the next MACD meeting. Mike explained that this language comes up in DNR water appropriation permits, where landowners are required to have an approved Conservation Plan, but there is no definition of the content or criteria for such plans. Zbinden moved, Burandt seconded to approve the resolution proposed by Zabel titled “Defining the Content of Conservation Plans.” Motion carried unanimously.

Mike reported that Great River Greening has been invited to complete a full application for the pollinator grant that the Carver SWCD will be a part of. A few locations were discussed at the meeting, Seth Ristow would be the main contact person at the Carver SWCD if the grant is approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Kristen Larson updated the Board on the changes to the Carver County WMO Plan. Major changes to the plan include streamlined issue categories. She explained that the current plan has 12 issues which overlapped quite a bit. The proposed WMO plan will have 3 major plan priorities: 1) priority wetland restoration areas; 2) asking the Cities to identify untreated urban areas (developments established before a certain date), and 3) water body prioritization areas, which includes how to prioritize within the watershed and subwatershed. She also reviewed the issue categories under those plan priorities.

Paul Moline reviewed draft changes which have been updated in Carver County’s Comprehensive Plan. This plan needs to be done every 10-years, and it is current out for the 6-month review process. County staff has met with the Township Boards 2-3 times over the past year, and Paul explained that if projects aren’t identified in the plan, they won’t get funded. He also stated that the majority of the plan covers transportation issues, and briefly went over some of the proposed plan changes. He explained that most of the water resources overview is covered in the Carver County WMO Plan. He also showed the Board some future land use maps of the Cities in Carver County. Sons asked about protecting the gravel pits, Paul reported there is a zoning ordinance for mining the aggregate resources first. Met Council also requires the aggregate resources to be listed on maps in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mike updated the Board on projects that could be funded under the One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Clean Water Funds through BWSR. Carver County will be receiving approximately \$750,000 total, which will be split between the WMO and Watershed Districts, based on watershed acres and tax capacity. Mike explained various projects that could be completed within the WMO, and commented the WMO is required to have a 25% match. Mike needs to submit the final proposal to BWSR by June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a pilot program currently, but BWSR is pleased with the process in Carver County, as far as dividing up the funds.

Lori Cox has applied for cost-share assistance through the District’s incentive under the Soil Health program. She is establishing a multi-species cover crop blend on 8 acres to further diversify her current management practices. The Soil Health Program allows a \$75 per acre incentive payment (\$600), as well as a 75%

reimbursement for the seed costs (\$300 total seed cost, \$225 allowed). Motion was made by Burandt, seconded by Sons to approve the Cover Crop and Soil Health Cost-Share assistance/Incentive contract with Lori Cox for a total of \$825. Motion carried unanimously.

There are two Carver County CREP projects that will need to be temporarily seeded until the wetland restorations can be completed this fall. SWCD staff would like to seek approval of temporary seeding costs for the two landowners involved for \$930, so the area doesn't grow up in weeds. This would come out of the District funds, and not charged to any grant. Chair Wendland was concerned with prescient setting. After discussion, Zbinden moved, Sons seconded to approve \$630 for Beier, and \$300 for Kreye for temporary seeding costs. Motion carried unanimously.

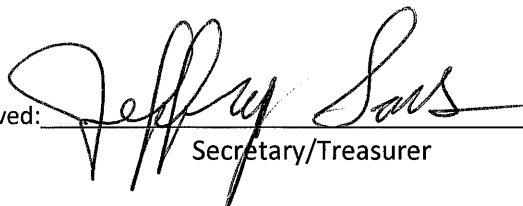
## **OTHER:**

The MACD meeting is the day before the June Board meeting, with a barge tour that evening hosted by MAWD. There is also a MAWD tour being held in Carver County on June 21<sup>st</sup>, which the SWCD will be giving presentations at a site throughout the day. It was decided to keep the June 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting date, but change the start time from 8:30 AM to **8:00 AM**.

Mike reminded the Supervisors in District's I, III, and IV that the filing period is May 22 – June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Zbinden moved, Burandt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 8:00 AM**  
**Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 3**  
**11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322**

Approved:   
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: May 17, 2018