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**Minutes of the June 21, 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 8:17 AM.

Members Present: Chair, Stanley Wendland
Vice Chair, Robert Burandt
Secretary/Treasurer, Jeffrey Sons
Member, Marcus Zbinden
Member, Mark Zabel (arrived at 8:23 AM)

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

Others Present: Camden Township, Gerry Goede (arrived at 8:23 AM)

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

Motion was made by Sons, seconded by Burandt to approve the May 17, 2018 Regular Board meeting Minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Personnel Committee (Zabel, Sons) – Mike reported he will conduct the mid-year informal reviews with the staff very soon. At the MACD meeting yesterday, it was announced that the Waconia NRCS field office would be receiving a Soil Conservation Technician in the future.

8:23 AM – Public Comments: Gerry Goede addressed the Board to see if there was any news on the Camden Township Road and Crow River project. Mike explained that Terry recently had a meeting scheduled with staff from the DNR. Another onsite meeting will be held soon, with the DNR and Minnesota Native Landscapes

(Contractor). The SWCD and DNR staff acknowledged there are some areas of washout on the project that will need to be repaired. Nick Proulx from the DNR wrote up a report after the site visit, which Mike shared at this time. Goede again expressed concerns that he is unhappy with the project, and the timeline that it took. Mike explained that the DNR would not give Camden Township a permit to just dump rock in the area, as the Township had wanted to, and that this is the process that needed to happen, in order for Camden Township to receive funding from the SWCD for the project.

2. Metro Conservation District's (MCD) Committee (Zabel primary; Burandt alt.) – Mike reported that the various programs were discussed at the May 30th meeting. Zabel explained that the Ramsey Conservation District is being absorbed by Ramsey County, and the discussion focused around what to do with Ramsey County under the MCD Joint Powers Agreement.
3. Education & Outreach Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – Nothing to report. Zbinden requested a meeting be held in the next month, to discuss further marketing the SWCD. Mike mentioned that Chip has talked about a billboard for the SWCD, which could be part of the meeting discussion.
4. Budget Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – Mike reported that Sons met with Felicia and himself on June 12th, to discuss the 2019 draft budget. Zbinden had a MASWCD Leadership meeting, and was unable to attend, but offered comments via email. Mike explained the County is requesting two scenarios be put together by each department, but this is the budget we plan to propose for approval. The total additional request in our County Allocation is \$10,000. After more discussion, Zbinden moved, Burandt seconded to approve the draft 2019 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. CCWMO Advisory Committee (Wendland primary; Zbinden alt.) – Mike reported that budget and projects were discussed at the May 29th meeting. The CCWMO tour will be held Tuesday, June 26th on Lake Waconia with pontoon boats. Any Supervisors wishing to attend should contact Madeline with their dinner choices.
6. Carver County Leaders (CCL) Committee (Burandt primary; Zbinden alt.) – Did not meet.

Carver County Report – Paul is hosting the MAWD tour today.

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 has sent out legislative updates.

The MACD tour was held yesterday in Scott County. Members discussed the tour sites, as well as the drone demonstration that was done. Mike commented that some staff members have expressed an interest in getting a drone for field work. The Board felt the costs involved wouldn't be worth it, and if it's really needed for a project, it could be hired out.

OLD BUSINESS:

There are three remaining harvestable buffer contracts, from the program the SWCD offered approximately 10-years ago. Jeff Ekstrom is in his final (10th year) receiving \$180; Earl Klein is in his 9th year, receiving \$115; and KCE Farms is in their 8th year of a 10-year contract, receiving \$300. Mike reported that Ben Dares has inspected all of the buffers, which are still in place. Motion was made by Zabel, seconded by Burandt to authorize a total of \$595 in payments to the three landowners. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

BWSR has sent a grant amendment for the 2018 District Capacity Grant, giving the SWCD an additional \$11,600 in funding. The amount is a match to the Carver County increase in the SWCD's budget from calendar year 2017 to 2018. Motion was made by Zabel, seconded by Burandt to approve the amendment for the 2018 District Capacity Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

MASWCD will be offering another leadership session from 2018-2019, the cost is \$3,500.

Mike reported that the 2019 Farm Bill Assistance Statement of Interest has been submitted to BWSR. If approved by BWSR, the grant agreement will be brought back to the SWCD Board for approval.

OTHER:

June is the end of the second quarter, Supervisor's Compensation forms are due.

Burandt moved, Zbinden seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 8:00 AM
Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 3
11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Approved: 
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: July 19, 2018