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CHAIR

**Mark Zabel**

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*District III*

## **Minutes of the June 20, 2019 Board Meeting for the Carver Soil & Water Conservation District Held at the Public Works Facility in Cologne, MN**

VICE CHAIR

**Stan Wendland**

8040 Dakota Ln.

Chanhassen, MN 55317

*District I*

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wendland at 8:17 AM.

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

SECRETARY/TREASURER

**Jeff Sons**

17180 County Rd. 51

NYA, MN 55368

*District V*

**Members Absent:** Chair, Mark Zabel  
Member, Marcus Zbinden

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

SUPERVISOR

**Bob Burandt**

1340 Waconia Pkwy. S

Waconia, MN 55387

*District IV*

**Other Attendees:** None

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

SUPERVISOR

**Marcus Zbinden**

6460 Bretton Way

Chanhassen, MN 55317

*District II*

Motion was made by Burandt, seconded by Sons to approve the May 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The May 2019 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted, subject to audit.

Burandt moved, Sons seconded to add Security Bank and Trust Company as a designated depository.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Personnel Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – Tom Genelin started on Monday, May 20, as the Seasonal Conservation Intern, and is working out very well. He's working on a lot of vegetation items with Seth, and goes out in the field with other staff as needed. He also received his pesticide applicators license.

Mike's 20 year SWCD anniversary was on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

2. Metro Conservation District's (MCD) Committee (Zabel primary; Zbinden alt.) – The last Board meeting was held on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Mike reviewed the Agenda items since he was not at the meeting.
3. Education & Outreach Committee (Sons, Wendland) – Hopkins High School received first place at the Minnesota State Envirothon, and will be representing Minnesota at the national Envirothon in Raleigh, North Carolina July 28-August 2.
4. Budget Committee (Burandt, Sons) – The committee met before the meeting this morning. Mike reported on the recommended budget proposal for 2020, and stated the budget hearing will be held on July 16. Mike reported that District Capacity funding will be available for at least two more years. Burandt moved, Sons seconded to approve the draft 2020 budget as presented. Motion carried.
5. CCWMO Advisory Committee (Wendland primary; Zbinden alt.) – Wendland reported on meeting held on May 28. The group talked about prioritizing the projects for 2020. Paul Moline discussed capital projects and the levy recommendations. WMO staff is hopeful that grant funds will be received for some of the capital improvement projects (CIP), which would keep the levy lower.

Carver County Leaders (CCL) Committee (Burandt primary; Zbinden alt.) – did not meet.

Carver County Report – Paul could not make the meeting, but sent a written report. The WMO tour will be next Tuesday, meeting at Waconia City Hall, with tour stops between Waconia and Watertown. Mike also reviewed the WMO tour agenda. The final interviews are also being conducted for the Public Services Division Director. Some of the County lakes now have no wake zones because of the wet spring. June 21 is the deadline for the public comments on the draft Carver County Water Plan.

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  
 Seasonal Conservation Intern, Tom Genelin

Mike reported that BWSR staff was in the office yesterday. The SWCD has submitted two Notice of Non-compliance to BWSR under the buffer law. BWSR staff walked these two non-compliance fields, and came up with a plan for the operators. The non-compliant operators will have until this fall to get it installed. If it's not planted by fall, the SWCD can turn it over to BWSR for enforcement.

Discussions on the CREP applications, some of the applicants have finally received their payments.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

MASWCD sent out a final legislative update for 2019.

The MACD meeting and summer tour will be held on June 27 at the Keller Golf Clubhouse in Maplewood, Ramsey County. Registration is due today, Felicia will send it in today.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mike has come up with a response letter to BWSR's Level II Performance Review, which he shared with the Board. Sons moved, Wendland seconded to approve the response letter and send it to BWSR. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There are two buffer contracts remaining, on the 10-year payment schedule. Earl Klein will be receiving his final (10<sup>th</sup> year) payment on his contract; and KCE Farms will be receiving their 9<sup>th</sup> year payment on their contract. These have been inspected by staff, and remain intact. Sons moved, Burandt seconded to approve \$115 final payment for Earl Klein, and \$300 payment to KCE farms. Motion carried.

Discussion on the SWCD's cover crop incentive program. The SWCD offers a \$20 per acre incentive for planting cover crops, but requires that the crop cannot be terminated or tilled in the fall, it must self-terminate through winter kill, or tilled in the spring prior to planting their crops. The Board agreed that this policy should remain intact, with no fall tilling.

The 2019 CREP Outreach and Implementation grant has been received from BWSR, which funds the Farm Bill Technician. The total grant is for \$67,974. Burandt moved, Sons seconded to approve the 2019 CREP Outreach and Implementation grant. Motion carried.

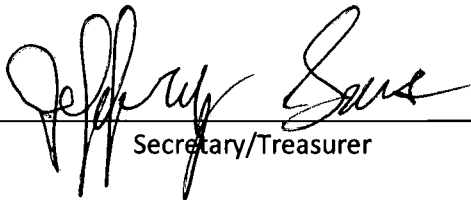
### **OTHER:**

Felicia reminded Supervisors that June is the end of the second quarter and compensation forms are due.

Burandt moved, Sons seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 AM. Motion carried.

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 8:00 AM**  
**Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 3**  
**11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary/Treasurer

Date: July 18, 2019