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Minutes of the April 16, 2020 Carver SWCD Board Meeting Conducted via video teleconference due to COVID-19 concerns.

Board Members Present:

Chair, Mark Zabel (present via video teleconference)
Vice Chair, Stanley Wendland (present via video teleconference)
Secretary/Treasurer, Jeffrey Sons (present via video teleconference)
Member, Robert Burandt (present on conference call)
Member, Marcus Zbinden (present via video teleconference)

SWCD Staff Present:

District Manager, Mike Wanous (present in SWCD office)
Administrative & Finance Specialist, Felicia Brockoff (present in SWCD office)

Other Attendees:

Carver County Planning & Water Management, Paul Moline (present via video teleconference)
NRCS Le Sueur County District Conservationist, Steve Breaker (present via video teleconference)

1. Call to Order

Chair Zabel called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mike Wanous requested roll call. Supervisors Burandt, Sons, Wendland, Zabel, and Zbinden were all present.

3. Agenda review and adoption

Burandt moved, Wendland seconded to approve the April 16, 2020 Agenda as printed. On roll call vote Burandt, Sons, Wendland, Zabel, Zbinden all voted aye. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda.

Zbinden moved, Sons seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approval of February 20, 2020 meeting Minutes
- b. Acceptance of the February Treasurer's Report
- c. Acceptance of the March Treasurer's Report
- d. Approve new job description for Landscape Restoration Specialist
- e. Approval of 4 new policies: Mobile Device Reimbursement, Outdoor Apparel Allowance, Field Staff Safe work practices, and Health Incentive
- f. Meuleners Farm Corp AgBMP Loan for solar panels.
- g. Approval of 5 pollinator cost-share applications:
 - 1) Brueggemeier - \$853.30 Cost-Share assistance
 - 2) Buechel - \$1,000 Cost-Share assistance
 - 3) VonBerge - \$1,000 Cost-Share assistance

- 4) Bluff Creek Trail (City of Chanhassen) - \$5,000 Cost-Share assistance
- 5) Overton - \$1,000 Cost-Share assistance

On roll call vote Burandt, Sons, Wendland, Zabel, Zbinden all voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Carver County Report

Paul Moline reported staff is adjusting to working from home. He stated the WMO committee meeting will be held in April, most likely through WebEx. Staff is still doing some field work including monitoring, carp removal in Benton Lake, and a goldfish study on Big Woods Lake in Chaska. He stated construction is still going on, so permits are still needed. There are no official details on the 2021 budget yet, but the indication from Dave Frischmon, Carver County Financial Services Director, was to start preparing for rough times. The County Board has not made any decision on budgets yet.

6. NRCS Report

Steve Braeker reported on both the CRP and EQIP workloads for Carver County. He has been working with Carole from the FSA office, and producers getting applications scored and ranked before the deadlines. Sons asked about the SHIP program notice that was sent out. Steve mentioned the payment rates on marginal cropland will be site specific for the SHIP program. There was a good response to the SHIP program in Le Sueur County, however payment rates on the marginal soils were low. Zabel asked Steve about the local work group meeting, which has not yet been scheduled for 2020. He asked Steve to send information to the Board on what was done last year. Steve will send the blank template, as well as what Le Sueur County has come up with for 2020. Steve reported the ranking system is different in 2020 than it was in 2019. Mike suggested conducting the local work group meeting after the June board meeting, hoping that by June COVID-19 restrictions will be lessened and we can possibly meet in person.

7. SWCD Monthly Report

Wendland asked if Chip was conducting inspections on the Highway 101 project. Mike stated Chip has been working on the project and has also met with the Carver County Public Works staff on site.

8. Board of Supervisors Announcements

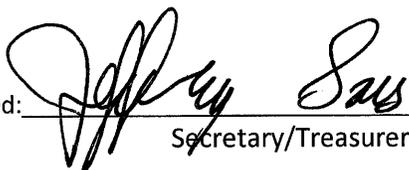
Mike stated we will wait and see what the Governor says about an in-person meeting in May. Zabel stated WebEx is great when you have a presentation so you can see the screen but thought that Skype and Zoom work a better for this kind of meeting. Zabel suggested looking into a different mode for the meeting in May.

9. Adjourn

Zbinden moved, Sons seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 a.m. On roll call vote Burandt, Sons, Wendland, Zabel, Zbinden all voted aye. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 8:00 AM
Tentative Location: Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 3
11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Approved: _____


Secretary/Treasurer

Date signed: _____

SWCD Board Approval Date: May 21, 2020

9-30-2020

Under Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 the Carver SWCD Board has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic and an emergency has been declared under chapter 12. The physical meeting location (Carver County Public Works Conference Room 3) is closed because it is not feasible to be open due to the health pandemic. This meeting was conducted via video teleconference due to COVID-19 concerns.