CARVER SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of the May 21, 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 in SWCD office)
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 8:05 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**
   Mike explained that one more pollinator cost-share application (Zellner in Chanhassen) was received late yesterday afternoon that was added to the consent Agenda. Wendland moved, Zbinden seconded to approve the May 21, 2020 Agenda with the added cost-share application. On roll call vote Burandt, Sons, Wendland, Zabel, Zbinden all voted aye. Motion carried.

4. **Consent Agenda.**
   Zbinden moved, Wendland seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:
   a. Approval of April 16, 2020 meeting Minutes
   b. Acceptance of the April Treasurer's Report
   c. South Fork Crow River 1W1P planning grant letter of support.
   d. Approval of pollinator cost-share applications:
      1) Van Der Pol - $1,000 Cost-Share assistance
      2) Knopp (Carver Landing) - $611.75 Cost-Share assistance
      3) Zellner - $585 Cost-Share assistance

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

5. **Carver County Report**
Paul Moline reported the WMO Advisory Committee held a WebEx meeting, which went well. They approved the direct discharge program to replace septic systems in the Crow River area. Applicants will receive a $2,000 incentive to replace failing systems. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, Agenda topics include permitting program updates, WMO projects for next year, as well as the budgeting process. Paul reported the County Board will be discussing the 2021 budget next week.

The WMO only received 3 capital improvement cost-share requests, all from the City of Waconia. Paul also reported Carver County is in Phase 1 of reopening facilities. People can make appointments and come into the various County buildings. The Environmental Center will be open next week. The aquatic invasive species (AIS) program started inspections on the fishing opener, which went well.

6. **NRCS Report**
Steve Braeker reported on the EQIP program. Approvals should be completed in July, with obligations completed by mid-August. He also reported there were 36 general CRP contracts in Carver County, with 40 continuous contracts. There is a summer intern doing the field inspections for the Carver County contracts. He also reminded the Board the local work group meeting is scheduled immediately following the June Board meeting.

7. **SWCD Monthly Report**
Staff reports were reviewed and discussed at this time.

8. **Board of Supervisors Announcements**
   a. Chair Zabel reminded the Board that any resolutions Carver SWCD would like to put forward, would need to be approved at the June Board meeting, so they can be submitted to MACD for approval at the June 25 meeting.
   b. SWCD Supervisor candidate filing period is May 19-June 2. District's 2 (Zbinden) & 4 (Burandt) are up for election in 2020. Both Zbinden and Burandt plan to file again.
   c. Mike again reminded the SWCD Board the NRCS local work group meeting will be after the June Board meeting. He suggested we have the start time at 9:00 a.m. Chari Zabel stated if the SWCD meeting isn't over by then, we can recess the SWCD Board Meeting, and start the local work group meeting. We will schedule the meeting in conference room 1 if anyone wishes to attend in person. This will allow plenty of room to be spaced out.

9. **Adjourn**
Zbinden moved, Wendland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m. On roll call vote Burandt, Sons, Wendland, Zabel, Zbinden all voted aye. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: **Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 8:00 AM**
Tentative Location: **Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 1**
11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Approved: Jeffrey Sons
Secretary/Treasurer

Date signed: 9-30-2020
SWCD Board Approval Date: June 18, 2020

Under Minnesota Statues 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.