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Minutes of the June 18, 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

Due to technical difficulties with WebEx, Chair Zabel called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Agenda review and adoption

Chair Zabel asked if anything should be added or removed from the consent Agenda. Zbinden requested discussion on a potential pollinator project at the Environmental Center in Chaska. Chair Zabel will call this item 5A. Burandt moved, Wendland seconded to approve the June 18, 2020 Agenda with the addition of 5A. On roll call vote Burandt, Sons, Wendland, Zabel, Zbinden all voted aye. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Approval of May 21, 2020 meeting Minutes
- b. Acceptance of the May Treasurer's Report
- c. KCE Farms final buffer payment on 10-year contract - \$300 total
- d. Crow River/Camden Township repair payment - \$21,430 total
- e. Hiram Grimm Contract Amendment – Increase cost-share reimbursement to 77% of total
- f. Hiram Grimm Payment on CD6 Grant Projects - \$30,721.72 total
- g. Approve WBIF plan (final step in the BWSR process)
- h. Lake Minnewashta cost-share technical assistance

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

5A. Pollinator Project at the Carver County Environmental Center in Chaska.

Zbinden explained that there is a proposal to install a pollinator project at the Environmental Center in Chaska, that would be used as an education piece also with signage identifying the species used in the planting. He asked if there would be funding available under the SWCD's current pollinator grant funds. Mike explained that there are funds available in the District Capacity grant, we would have to determine which category and how much funding is available. Zbinden will work with Seth on a project design, and request grant funds later.

5. Carver County Report

Paul Moline reported on the Watershed Based Funding, second round of meetings have been held with both groups. A projects lists will be developed, with possible criteria to evaluate the projects. Paul mentioned the Water Plan has an approved projects list and he is trying to use that list, instead of coming up with new criteria. Paul also reported on the 2021 budget process. Departments should expect a 0% increase to their 2021 budgets. The budget hearing for Land & Water Services will be held July 21. He also mentioned the summer WMO tour will most likely be a virtual one, but they are looking into options to hold the tour this fall.

6. NRCS Report

Steve Breaker reported that Kara Fairchild, summer intern, started work on May 11 in the LeCenter field office, and has been helping with the Carver County workload. She has been completing the onsite CRP cover reviews. Steve also gave updates on the various Farm Bill items.

7. SWCD Monthly Report

Staff reports were noted at this time.

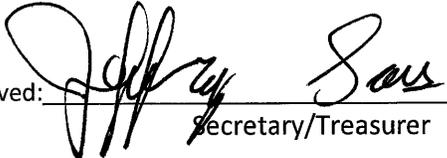
8. Board of Supervisors Announcements

- a. Chair Zabel asked if any Supervisors had resolutions to bring to the MACD meeting on June 25. No resolutions were presented.
- b. Chair Zabel reminded Supervisors that the next MACD meeting is June 25, which is a virtual meeting.

9. Adjourn

Zbinden moved, Wendland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. On roll call vote Burandt, Sons, Wendland, Zabel, Zbinden all voted aye. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 8:00 AM
Tentative Location: Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 1
11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Approved:  Secretary/Treasurer

Date signed: 9-30-2020
SWCD Board Approval Date: July 16, 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.