



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:00 a.m.

4100 220th Street W, Suite 102
Farmington, Minnesota

Board Members Present:

Laura Zanmiller, Chair
Kevin Chamberlain, Vice Chair
Jayne Hager Dee, Treasurer
Chelsea Skog, Secretary
Bruce Johnson, Information Officer

SWCD Staff Present:

Brian Watson
Lana Rotty
Curt Coudron

Others Present:

Melissa Musliner, Maple Grove

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Zanmiller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Zanmiller led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience

Chair Zanmiller asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Board on an item that is not on the agenda. Nobody came forward.

4. Approval of Agenda

21.135 Motion by Skog, second by Johnson to approve the agenda. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of December 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The December 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes were presented.

6. Approval of December 30, 2021 Accounts Payable

The December 30, 2021 Accounts Payable were presented.

21.136 Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to approve the consent agenda items. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA**7. Authorization to Amend Contract and Provide Final Payment to Century South Single- Family Homeowners Association for Installation of Native Prairie with Pollinator Habitat**

Century South Single-Family Homeowner's Association has completed the installation of 0.6 acres of native prairie with pollinator habitat in the City of Hastings, Vermillion River Watershed.

The project was approved for funding at the April 8, 2021 Board meeting at 75% cost share not to exceed \$1,500 and based on a cost estimate of \$5,600. Cost share was set at \$1,500 based on the proposed project size of 0.5 acres at a maximum cost share amount of \$3,000/acre. The final project was expanded to 0.6 acres and would be eligible for \$1,800 based on current cost share policy. Century South Single-Family Homeowner's Association has requested to amend the contract based on the increased project size. Final eligible project costs are \$7,422.

Supervisor Chamberlain asked if the cost was higher than the estimate due to the increase to 0.6 acres. Coudron stated that the mobilization, site preparation, tree removal, and several smaller trips due to site access were all factors in the cost. They also installed erosion blanket, which was a good investment, as opposed to mulch. Zanmiller asked how they found out about the program. Coudron stated that one of the landowners contacted John Stelzner for information about native prairie plantings and the Association became interested in the program.

21.137 Motion by Chamberlain, second by Johnson to amend contact and provide final payment to Century South Single Family Homeowners Association (21-IPP-11) for installing 0.60 acres native prairie with pollinator habitat in City of Hastings, Vermillion River Watershed at \$1,800 from annual agreement with Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization. Members voting in favor: Chamberlain, Zanmiller, Skog, Johnson, Dee. Motion carried.

8. Authorization to Provide Final Payment to City of Burnsville for Installation of Native Prairie with Pollinator Habitat

The City of Burnsville has completed the installation of 8 acres of native prairie with pollinator habitat at North River Hills Park in the Minnesota River Watershed. The project was approved for funding at the April 8, 2021 Board meeting at 75% cost share not-to-exceed \$15,000 and based on a cost estimate of \$33,900. SWCD cost share policy payment maximum is \$15,000 per native prairie with pollinator habitat contract. Final eligible project costs are \$23,079.35.

Coudron stated that this project had a November 1 seeding deadline and the seed will germinate in the spring. He also noted that all other parts of North River Hills Park have been available for use by the public during this restoration. Dee asked if the City completed the work. Coudron noted that a contractor was involved and worked closely with John Stelzner to ensure all correct steps were taken. He added that the City will install signage to promote the project upon completion.

21.138 Motion by Johnson, second by Dee to approve final payment to City of Burnsville (21-IPP-13) for installing 8 acres of native prairie with pollinator habitat in City of Burnsville, Minnesota River Watershed at \$15,000 from annual agreement with Dakota County. Members voting in favor: Zanmiller, Skog, Johnson, Dee, Chamberlain. Motion carried.

9. Authorization to Provide Final Payment to Rodney Weber for Installation of Water and Sediment Control Basins

Rodney Weber has completed the installation of two water and sediment control basins in Douglas Township, Cannon River Watershed. The project was approved for funding at the September 9, 2021 Board meeting at 75% cost share not to exceed \$20,850 and based on a cost estimate of \$27,800. Final eligible project costs are \$25,298.40.

21.139 Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to approve final payment to Rodney Weber (21-IPP-36) for installing two water and sediment control basins in Douglas Township, Cannon River Watershed from FY21

Metro Cannon River Watershed Based Implementation grant and annual agreement with North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization. Members voting in favor: Skog, Johnson, Dee, Chamberlain, Zanmiller. Motion carried.

10. Authorization to Provide Final Payment to Steve Devney for Establishing Cover Crop (1-year)

Steve Devney has established a cover crop on 30 acres in Lakeville, Vermillion River Watershed. The project was approved for funding at the September 9, 2021 Board meeting with an incentive payment of \$25 per acre. A cover crop of oats was seeded to provide temporary cover, reduce erosion, retain nutrients, and protect soil health.

21.140 Motion by Johnson, second by Chamberlain to approve final payment to Steve Devney (21-IPP-41) for establishment of cover crop in Lakeville, Vermillion River Watershed on 30 acres for a total of \$750 from annual agreement with Dakota County or Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization. Members voting in favor: Johnson, Dee, Chamberlain, Zanmiller, Skog. Motion carried.

11. Authorization to Execute Agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization for 2022 Services

Staff has been working with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) to draft a work plan and budget for 2022 services. The work plan and budget include the following tasks: evaluation and policy, feasibility studies, capital improvement projects, public outreach and communication, inventories and assessments, and water monitoring. The work plan and budget includes a total not to exceed amount of \$257,000 which is unchanged from 2021r. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

21.141 Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to authorize execution of the 2022 agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Power Organization. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

12. Authorization to Execute Agreement with the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District for 2022 Services

Staff has drafted and presented a 2022 work plan and budget to the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD). The work plan and budget include the following tasks: fen well monitoring, education and community engagement, technical assistance, and project implementation services. The work plan and budget includes a total not to exceed amount of \$22,620. The LMRWD Board approved the work plan and budget at their December 15 meeting.

21.142 Motion by Chamberlain, second by Johnson to authorize execution of 2022 agreement with Lower Minnesota River Watershed Management District. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

13. Authorization to Execute Agreement with the Black Dog Watershed Management Organization for 2022 Services

Watson stated that staff has drafted and presented a 2022 work plan and budget to the Black Dog Watershed Management Organization (BDWMO). The work plan and budget include education and outreach assistance, technical assistance, and cost share under the Landscaping for Clean Water Program. The work plan and budget includes a total not to exceed amount of \$28,915. The BDWMO Board approved the work plan and budget at their May 19 meeting as part of their budgeting process.

Dee asked if staff were involved with the BD MO administration. Watson stated that Daryl Jacobsen, City of Burnsville, serves as the Administrator. Dee asked about the watershed boundaries. Staff presented a map outlining the watershed boundaries of the BDWMO as well as the other five watersheds in Dakota County.

21.143 Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to authorize execution of 2022 agreement with Black Dog Watershed Management Organization. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

14. Upcoming Events

The upcoming events were reviewed.

15. Adjourn

21.144 Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Skog
Secretary