



PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2019

9 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

Brenda Szymanski, Chair
Ricky Peterson, Vice-Chair
Linda Hanson, Secretary
Greg Hilgeman, Treasurer
Grant Nelson, PR&I

Staff Present:

Bryan Malone, District Manager
Barb Molskness, District Coordinator
Peter Nelson, Water Plan Coordinator
Donna Christianson, Outreach Coordinator
Bryanna Grefthen, District Technician
Matthew Sorvig, Resource Technician
Jill Fejszes, Farm Bill Biologist

Guest:

Matt Fischer, BWSR

The meeting was held in the USDA/SWCD conference room and called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Brenda Szymanski, Chair.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve the revised agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Grant to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Barb reviewed the October 2019 Financial Report. **Ricky made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the October 2019 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve payment for the following bills:

Chase	\$	727.56
Speeds Auto Service	\$	141.97
RMB Labs	\$	1,030.00
Andy Hart	\$	150.00
Environmental Scientific	\$	2,925.00
Verizon	\$	46.55
Innovative	\$	211.21
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All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to pay the \$25.00 MACDE dues and the \$10.00 NACDE dues for each District employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Ricky to pay the MDA 2020 Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate Renewal of \$350.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve partial payment for the following Buffer flat-rate cost-share contract:

BFY 18-89	Patrick Harzke	\$	1,800.00
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All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve payment for the following State percent-based cost-share contract for well sealing:

FY 17-14	Timothy Anderson	\$	250.00
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All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Grant to leave the prices for trees, matting, tubes, and planting the same as 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

Final details for the MASWCD Convention on December 8-10 were reviewed. Bryan, Peter, Matt, and Donna are planning to attend along with our 2019 Outstanding Conservationists, the Scott Mostrom Family. Tad Olsonawski is working on creating a metalworks wildlife scene for the auction.

Some possible ideas for the 2020 Planning Meeting are: Pennington County - Weed Inspector role as Bill Craig is retiring, office space for the District, and staffing for the 1W1P. Barb will reserve the Red Lake Watershed District's Meeting Room for the beginning of February.

Informal discussions between LGUs are starting to surface regarding the Clearwater River 1W1P application. Since the watershed is less than 10% of the county, we

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could opt out of participating in the planning. The Board felt it was important to have input into the plan. Greg volunteered to represent the SWCD on the Policy Committee.

A billboard located south on Highway 59 (for north bound traffic) has become available to rent for AIS advertising. After some discussion, the Board decided not to rent the space.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to purchase \$30 Hugo's gift cards for the rainfall monitors. All in favor, motion carried.

The purchase of printers for staff was discussed but more information is needed.

This year the Science Fair will be divided into two separate sections, one for middle school and one for high school. Discussion took place about how to sponsor an award for this. **Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky authorizing Peter to award a \$50.00 cash prize for each of the Science Fair sections dependent on project merit. All in favor, motion carried.**

The Personnel Committee: Brenda, Grant, and Bryan will meet on Monday, December 16th, at 3 p.m.

Instead of working through the MN Conservation Corps this year for a summer intern, Bryan will attempt to work directly with UMC to find a student interested in the position. The SWCD will be responsible for all associated expenses for the position.

Brenda had to leave at 11:10 a.m. Vice-Chair, Ricky, took charge of the meeting.

Employee reports were reviewed.

An article about last year's Science Fair winner and information about the MASWCD Annual Business Meeting was circulated.

Matt Fischer, BWSR, updated the Board on the funding status of current grants.

The next Board meeting will be held on December 17th, at 9 a.m.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Linda Hanson, Secretary