

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on January 8, 2020.

Meeting was called to order by Randy Smith, Board Chairman.

Supervisors Present: Jim Gebhardt
Randy Smith
Jim Kellogg
Micah Peterson

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager
Jeanne Crump, Administrative Assistant

NRCS Staff Present: Brian DeVetter

Agenda:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the January agenda. Gebhardt seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Election of Offices:

Hanson led the election of offices, offices included: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer/Secretary.

Gebhardt nominated Smith for Chairman of the Board. Kellogg made a motion that nominations cease and called for a unanimous vote to elect Smith as Chairman. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None
Abstained: Smith

Kellogg nominated Peterson for Vice Chairman. Gebhardt made a motion that nominations cease and called for a unanimous vote to elect Peterson as Vice Chairman. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg
Opposed: None
Abstained: Peterson

Kellogg nominated Erichson for Secretary/Treasurer. Gebhardt made a motion that nominations cease and called for a unanimous vote to elect Erichson as Treasurer/Secretary. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

The 2020 office holders are:

Chairman: Randy Smith
Vice Chairman: Micah Peterson
Treasurer/Secretary: Jon Erichson

Committee Appointments:

The board discussed the SWCD committees.

The 2020 Committee Appointments:

Personnel:	Jim Gebhardt & Randy Smith
Finance:	Jon Erichson & Jim Gebhardt
Water Planning:	Jon Erichson
Joint Powers:	Jim Gebhardt, Randy Smith alternate
Legislative Committee:	Jim Gebhardt, Jon Erichson alternate
Feedlot Committee:	Randy Smith, Jim Kellogg alternate
Watershed District Liaison:	Jon Erichson
Root River Policy Committee:	Jim Kellogg, Micah Peterson alternate
Cedar River Wtrshd. Policy Com:	Randy Smith, Jon Erichson alternate

Secretary Report:

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 board meeting. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:

The payables report was reviewed with the board. Peterson made a motion to approve the payables report, January payroll and to transfer money as needed. Gebhardt second the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

NRCS Report:

DeVetter updated the board on NRCS Programs, to include; CRP training and workload, Conservation desktop software, EQIP and CSP.

Commissioner Report:

No report.

Action Items:

Legal Paper:

Discussion was held on the legal paper for the District. Kellogg made a motion to keep the designation of the Austin Daily Herald as the official legal paper of the District in 2020. Peterson second the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Bank of Depository:

Kellogg made a motion to continue with the current banks, US bank as the bank of depository for checking, First State Bank of MN in LeRoy for the District savings, and United Farmers State Bank in Adams for CD's. Peterson second the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

SWCD Board Meeting Time/Place:

Discussion was held on the time of the board meeting. Kellogg made a motion to keep the SWCD monthly board meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the District office at 1408 21st Ave NW in Austin at 8:00am, to include that the board Chair has the option to change meeting time as needed. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

2020 Fees:

Hanson explained the changes in the 2020 Fees. The board held discussion. Peterson made a motion to approve the 2020 Fee schedule. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

2018 Audit:

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the 2018 Audit as completed by Peterson Company. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

2020 CRWD/SWCD Agreement:

The board discussed the 2020 agreement between CRWD and the SWCD. Kellogg made a motion to approve the 2020 CRWD/SWCD Agreement. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Cedar 1W1P Resolution to Adopt:

Hanson talked to the board about the resolution to adopt and implement the Cedar-Wapsipinicon Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Peterson made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt and implement the Cedar-Wapsipinicon Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

SWCD and CRWD Meeting:

The board talked about setting up a meeting with the CRWD board.

2020 Legislative Platform:

Hanson talked about the items that will be part of the 2020 legislative platform.

Supervisor Reports:

Chairman Report:

Nothing added.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be February 12, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____