



MINUTES FROM THE MAY 19, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.021 the regular monthly board meeting of the East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom or Teleconference due to the Public Health Pandemic Emergency declared under Chapter 12 by the Governor. A notice of the meeting was posted on the door of the SWCD Office Location (801 Jenny Ave SW, #2) explaining how the public was able to participate in the meeting. The meeting followed all the requirements for an electronic meeting as spelled out in MN Statutes 13D.021 Subdivision 1, 1-4.

*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:30 a.m.
Reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.*

Members Present:

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards (*teleconference*)
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
Land & Resource: Chris Le Clair
Soil Conservationist: Bob Guetter
BWSR Board Conservationist: Pete Waller (*Zoom*)
District Manager: Darren Newville
Asst Mgr: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Agenda: Motion made by Lyle Dittmann, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to adopt the Agenda. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the previous month Board Meeting Minutes as presented. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Bills Paid & Bills Payable: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.



PRIORITY LAKES

PL6/LP; Robert & Mary Ellen Jahn; Perham, Section 2, are requesting cost share assistance for their shoreline restoration. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 3,039.10 with Cost Sharing of \$ 2,279.33 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

COST SHARE

2021-02; Brian Theis; Pine Lake, Section 17, is cost share assistance for a well sealing. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 800.00 with Cost Sharing of \$ 300.00 which is the maximum allowable or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Report written and read by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Report written and read by Bob Guetter.

County Commissioner Report:

- There is a 2nd Amendment Rights meeting coming up at Playtime Sports.
- The Shoreline ordinance is moving along.
- There are some groups wanting to start a LID (Lakes Improvement District).

Land & Resource:

- County workshop tomorrow night to review the vacation home rental section of the new Shoreline Ordinance. Is it enough?
- The Shoreline Ordinance public hearing went well.
- June 15, 2021 is a possible effective date for the revised Shoreline Ordinance.

BWSR:

- The legislative session ended Monday, not all of the work was done. If a budget isn't reached by July 1, 2021 there will be a shutdown.

Old Business

Water Planning:

The MDH Groundwater Protection Grant we applied for was approved for funding. The grant is for \$50,000. The grant agreement has been signed and we will begin working on the project.

Ottertail River Watershed IW1P Grant Agreement: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Darren to sign the grant agreement when we receive it from BWSR. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.



Department of Ag Update: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve Darren to sign the JPA Agreement for Weather Stations & NMI. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

TSA Update: The board voted for the Executive Committee to research discontinuing Engineering Services. This would make each District responsible for hiring their own Engineering services. Five difference scenarios were presented. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt voting for Option 1 as EOT SWCD's first choice, with Option 4 being the second choice. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried. Lyle will bring the vote to the next TSA meeting on behalf of the EOT SWCD.

8:32 a.m. Commissioner Bucholz left the meeting.

Staffing: Hayley Courneya, our summer intern from last year is back and started on Monday. Our Full Time Admin position has not received any applications as of yet. Mitchell Ness has turned in his resignation, his last day will be June 11, 2021. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve accepting Mitch's resignation and to post his position. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

8:37 a.m. Chris left the meeting.

New Business

Meetings:

Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve Darren to attend the State Managers Meeting in June in Baxter, MN. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those wishing to attend the Area Meeting on June 15, 2021. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve sending Trisha to the Conservation Planning Course. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

MASWCD Call for Resolution: Please be thinking about.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: 8:53 a.m.