



MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 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
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
County Commissioner: Betty Murphy (Zoom)
Land & Resource: Chris Le Clair
Soil Conservation Technician: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Agenda: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to adopt the Agenda with one addition. OTRW 1W1P resolution for by-laws. 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. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Bills Paid & Bills Payable: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: None, motion carried.



COST SHARE

2021-02; Brian Theis; Pine Lake, Section 17, is requesting payment for a well sealing. The total 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 Steve Inwards to approve payment. Opposed: None, motion carried.

7:40 a.m. Chantal entered the meeting

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

District Conservationist's Report: Report written and read by Troy Baumgart. Signup for General CRP is July 23, 2021. Deadline for Continuous CRP is in August.

County Commissioner Report:

- Board of Equalization meeting was held June 15, 2021 (Betty).
- Bridge project is not progressing as well as planned. August 13, 2021 was the finish date (Dan).
- Breakfast on the Farm is August 14, 2021 (Dan).

Land & Resource:

- Aerials updated June 15, 2021.

Old Business

Water Planning:

Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to sign the Agreement for Services for the Red Eye Implementation with Becker, Todd & Wadena SWCD's. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Resolution for 1W1P #1-2021 was approved by the County Board. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve planning. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Department of Ag Update: Nothing new to report.

TSA Update: There will be a meeting on June 24, 2021 to approve the budget. The Executive Committee meeting was held last week.

Staffing: Kristi Rorah is starting June 23, 2021. Mitch's position is open until Friday June 18, 2021. Interviews will begin after that.



New Business

Meetings:

WOT is planning a County Board tour.

Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve someone attending the MACAI Conference. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Soil Erosion Concerns – Big Pine Residents: Discussion was held on some wind erosion events that happened this spring near Big Pine Lake. The Pine Lake LID and Lake Association are concerned about the sediment from these events getting into the lake and were wondering about what could be done to prevent this in the future. The LID is considering asking the County to look at a potential soil erosion ordinance for areas within 2 miles of the lake. It was suggested that the LID approach the landowner first to ask them to require best management practices for renters in the future to help limit the potential for these events.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: 9:10 a.m.