



MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 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, November 18, 2020 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 7:35 a.m.
Reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.*

Zoom Attendance:

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds
District Manager: Darren Newville
Asst Mgr: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Irrig/Nutrient Mgmt Specialist: Nathan Wiese
County Commissioner: Betty Murphy
District Conservationist: Robert Guetter

Telephone:

Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Absent :

Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to adopt the Agenda with one addition. Under Water Plan Update: we need a motion to approve the MOA for the Red Eye. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

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

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



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

STATE/DISTRICT CAPACITY COST SHARE

While there were not any cost share projects to approve this month, there were however, a couple of Contract Violations. These violations occurred on projects where the original contracted landowner had sold the property. After discussion a motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to check with the County Attorney to get input and to work with the new landowner's with enforcing some sort of a penalty that took into consideration the circumstances and the amount of time left in the contract. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

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: The county will work on a plan once the Covid vaccine becomes available.

Old Business

Water Planning: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve the MOA for the Red Eye. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Department of Ag Update: There are currently 20 SWCD's and other partners involved in the RCPP application.

TSA Update: Managers will be having a meeting soon. Technical Assistance needs will be discussed.

New Business

Convention Planning: Discussion was held and decided those attending the convention/meeting will do so from their own home due to Covid.

Local Election Recap: Local election results were discussed. Dennis, Terry, and Steve all won, so congrats!

Soil Health Summit: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve \$50 for Cover Crop participants to attend the Soil Health Summit in December if they choose. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.



Public Comments: None

Adjourn: 8:31 a.m.

*** Acronyms**

- ◆ MAWQCP – Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program
- ◆ EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- ◆ CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program
- ◆ CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
- ◆ RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- ◆ NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service