



MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16, 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, December 16, 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 7:27 a.m.
Reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.*

Zoom Attendance:

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds
County Commissioner: Doug Huebsch
County Commissioner: Betty Murphy
OTC Land & Resource: Chris Le Clair
District Conservationist: Robert Guetter
District Manager: Darren Newville
Asst Mgr: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Telephone:

Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to adopt the Agenda with one addition. Campaign Finance letter reminder. 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 Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds 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 Terry Greenwaldt 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 Steve Inwards, seconded by Dennis Reynolds 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

2020-21; Peter Doll; Edna, Section 8, is requesting final payment for his well sealings. The total cost of the project was \$ 610.00 with Cost Sharing of \$ 300.00 which is the maximum allowable. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. 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 Anne Oldakowski.

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

County Commissioner Report: This was Doug's last meeting and he thanked all of us for everything and said he had learned a lot over the past 12 years.

OTC Land & Resource: Ordinance revision for shoreline coming soon. Possible public hearings could happen in March. This is driven by a gap in the current ordinance. The subdivision ordinance hasn't been revised in 24 years and will be redone.

Old Business

Water Planning: Nothing to update, items were reviewed in the District Manager's report.

Department of Ag Update: The RCCP application was submitted.

TSA Update: Managers meeting was last week. Darren was unable to attend.

New Business

USDA Lease: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve Darren to sign the USDA Lease (renting from us). Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

2021 Meeting Schedule: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the 2021 schedule as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.



Public Comments: None

Personnel Committee Recommendations for 2021: All staff was dismissed from the meeting for board members to discuss.

* *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