



MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 15, 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, April 15, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via 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) and explained 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.*

Present in the Office:

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
District Manager: Darren Newville

Teleconference:

Board Members:

Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Others:

County Commissioner: Betty Murphy
District Conservationist: Bob Guetter
Soil Conservationist: Mitch Neitge
Ass't District Mgr: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
DT/Shoreline Specialist: Liz Wiese
Irrigation Technician: Trisha Demarais
Wadena Liaison: Nancy Benson

Agenda

Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to adopt the Agenda with the addition of election and filing dates added at the end before Public Comments. 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 Terry Greenwaldt 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 Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds 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 Steve Inwards 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 COST SHARE

2020-06; Scott & Marinela Selseth; Edna, Section 10, is requesting cost share assistance for a Shoreline Restoration. The estimated cost of the project is \$ 3,574.27.00 with Cost Sharing of \$2,680.70 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger 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 read as written by Darren Newville.

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

County Commissioner Report: Betty Murphy joined us teleconference. The County has update meetings every Tuesday and Friday during this pandemic.

Old Business

Water Planning: 1W1P is out for a 60-day comment period. Ben has been working on the Ottertail 1W1P application.

Department of Ag Update: nothing to report.

TSA Update: Nothing to report currently. Everything has been put on hold.

New Business



Public Health Update (Resolution): Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to adopt the resolution as presented. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Meetings/Trainings: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those attending the CAI Short Course, Grand Rapids in July. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Brick Repair: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve the bid from Striebel & Sons Masonry to repair the crumbling brick columns at the entrance of our building. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Elections – We have three board members up for re-election. Filing dates are May 12 – June 2, 2020.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: 8:24 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

* *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