

## TRAVERSE SWCD AUGUST 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2023 by Chairperson Doug Frisch.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Roll Call**

Supervisors present: Greg Hoppe, Chester Raguse, Jeff Peterson, Doug Frisch and Dennis Zimbrick. Absent: None. Staff and others present: Trudy Determan, Bruce Johnson, Jerod Lennox, Max Tostenson, Tate Serocki and County Commissioner Chad Metz.

### **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Frisch to approve the August 2023 agenda as presented, second by Zimbrick and approved unanimously.

### **Minutes of the July Meeting**

A motion to accept the July meeting minutes as presented was made by Hoppe, second by Frisch and approved unanimously.

### **July Treasurer's Reports**

A motion to approve the July treasurer's report as presented was made by Zimbrick second by Hoppe and approved unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

Johnson circulated the correspondence folder.

### **District Technical Manager**

Johnson reported on his past month's activities. He has been working on tree plans for 2024, and meeting with producers on soil health practice planning with grant funding.

He helped with construction and installation of lined waterway outlet projects.

The Soil Health Field Day will be held on September 13 in Browns Valley.

A motion to convert the old sprayer to a wicking chemical treatment system was made by Zimbrick, second by Hoppe and approved unanimously.

Johnson discussed a possible feedlot expansion.

### **District Conservation Technician**

Lennox reported on his activities during the past month.

### **District Conservation Technician**

Tostenson presented pictures of lined outlets and his activities the past month. RIM inspections have been completed. Lined outlets have been constructed and cost share processing is underway.

### **District Conservation Technician**

Serocki reported on his activities during the past month.

### **NRCS Field Office Report**

Johnson presented a report from Melissa Behrens who is acting District Conservationist in Wheaton during the staffing vacancy. Melissa is from the Glenwood office.

## **Office Report**

A motion was made by Hoppe to fund up to 10 scholarships to cover the cost of registration the Soil Health Summit in Alexandria Minnesota in December, second by Zimbrick and approved unanimously. Traverse County agricultural producers will be eligible for the opportunity.

Gronfeld is making plans for the assembly of a fair booth for the Traverse County Fair later in the month. Johnson reported on Gronfeld's activities during her scheduled absence from the meeting.

## **1W1P Updates**

Resolution 2023-01 to Adopt and Implement the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

Whereas, Traverse Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) entered into a planning agreement Memorandum of Agreement to develop the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

Whereas, The SWCD has been an active participant in the development of the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

Whereas, The SWCD recommends the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Policy Committee submit the Plan for State approval; and

Whereas, Upper Minnesota River Partnership Policy Committee will submit the Plan for State approval; and

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, subd. 14 allows a comprehensive plan {or local water management plan}, developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to chapter 103C {or 103B} to be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan suggested boundary map.

Now; Therefore, Be it Resolved, contingent on BWSR approval, Traverse SWCD hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of Traverse SWCD identified within the Plan and serve as a substitute for the SWCD comprehensive plan as per 103B for the duration of the State approved Plan.

A motion was made by Zimbrick to approve resolution 2023-01 as presented, second by Peterson and approved unanimously.

## **September Meeting Date**

The September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, at 7:30 a.m.

## **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Hoppe to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m., second by Frisch and approved unanimously.

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**DISTRICT SECRETARY**

**DATE**