

## TRAVERSE SWCD JUNE 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024 by Chairperson Doug Frisch.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Roll Call**

Supervisors present: Dennis Zimbrick, Greg Hoppe, and Doug Frisch. Absent: Jeff Peterson and Chester Raguse. Staff and others present: Sara Gronfeld, NRCS District Conservationist Blake Bartz, and County Commissioners Chad Metz and Dwight Nelson.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Hoppe, second by Zimbrick to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes of the May Meeting**

A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Hoppe, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously.

### **May Treasurer's Report**

Determan mailed a draft report with the agenda packet. Gronfeld advised Determan was assisting with field work, working long hours daily all week. The report may be updated with a few additional bills since the draft was distributed. A motion to approve the draft May treasurer's report was made by Hoppe, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously.

### **District Technical Manager's Report**

Gronfeld offered a brief update about technical activities. All technicians along with Determan are working out in the field to try to complete tree planting as soon as possible. Planting was significantly delayed due to wet weather. Staff worked long hours in the field all week and the hot weather yesterday was challenging for all outdoor work. Determan had mentioned there were 4 or 5 sites left but tree planting should be finished by Friday. All CRP tree planting sites are complete.

Johnson requested a discussion about hiring a contractor to seal coat to the new asphalt parking area. Joe Riley construction does not offer that service. The SWCD Board were in favor of seal coating the new parking area to protect. Staff will seek bids for the service.

### **Correspondence**

Gronfeld circulated the correspondence folder.

### **NRCS Field Office Report**

Blake Bartz delivered a summary of NRCS agency programming and mentioned the schedule for a Local Work Group meeting to document the ranking of local priority resource concerns which will be compiled to aide in the funding ranking process regionally.

### **Office Report**

Gronfeld offered an update about her activity and grants. She was able to provide some assistance with field work. Septic system grant funding has been fully allocated to projects. She has been working on processing RIM easements and has met with a few other landowners who have expressed interest in easement

applications and has been working on eligibility and payment calculations. She also offered an update about Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans and grant funding applications for implementation.

**Area I Meeting**

The upcoming Area meeting will be June 18 in Mahanomen. No Supervisors were able to attend the meeting. Draft resolutions were reviewed, discussed, and support was offered for the two draft resolutions prepared and submitted by Grant SWCD.

**July Meeting Date**

The July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 7:30 a.m. The meeting date was moved due to a conflict with the Highway 75 tour field day which is scheduled on July 11.

**Regional Soil Health Update**

Regional Soil Health Specialist BJ Werk attended the meeting to introduce himself and meet with the Board and staff. He was hired to serve five SWCDs and works out of the West Ottertail SWCD office in Fergus Falls. He discussed the RCPP soil health practices and the current signup that runs through July 15.

**Other Business**

None.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

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**DISTRICT SECRETARY**

**DATE**