

TRAVERSE SWCD MAY 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 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, Trudy Determan, Bruce Johnson, Jerod Lennox, Tate Serocki, Devon Thompson, NRCS District Conservationist Blake Bartz, and County Commissioner Dwight Nelson.

Approve Agenda

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

District Technical Manager's Report

Johnson reported on his activities. The trees have been delivered and staff have been working to prepare and plant sites that are fit.

A motion was made by Hoppe to approve a contract with Northridge 7 Media LLC for recording and producing video segments of the upcoming the soil health field day event, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve a well sealing cost share contract by Zimbrick, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

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The board discussed quotes to repair and upgrade paving the parking lot at the USDA service center. A motion was made by Zimbrick to accept a quote from Joe Riley Construction to upgrade stormwater management, milling existing asphalt, and new asphalt paving of the parking lot, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

District Conservation Technician

Lennox delivered an update on his activities. He's been working on coordination of the seeding program, buffer inspections and programming, and tree planting.

District Engineering Technician

Serocki provided an update on his activities. He has been coordinating contract development for engineering projects and using the Trimble GPS unit to flag conservation practices in the field.

District Conservation Technician

Thompson reported his activities. He's been assisting with planting trees, equipment maintenance and repairs, and working to activate his federal card for computer access.

Minutes of the April Meeting

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

April Treasurer’s Report

A motion to approve the April treasurer’s report as presented was made by Hoppe, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Gronfeld circulated the correspondence folder.

NRCS Field Office Report

Blake Bartz delivered a summary of NRCS agency programming.

Conservation Partner Candidates

After discussion, a motion was made by Hoppe to recognize David Metz for the SWCD Conservation Partner of the Year, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Office Report

Gronfeld offered an update about her activity and grants. 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. All supervisors are welcomed to attend. Draft resolutions will be reviewed, and resolution voting is scheduled to occur at this meeting.

June Meeting Date

The June meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 a.m.

Other Business

None.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Hoppe second by Zimbrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. Motion carried.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

DATE