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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, Conference Call on November 9th, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Wiemann at 4:01 p.m.

Members Present: Chair, Paul Wiemann
Vice Chair, Robert Nielsen,
Treasurer, Kathleen Thies

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher
Conservation Technician, Jack Bushman

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the November 2021 agenda as presented. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the minutes from the October 2021 meeting. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve 28 paid bills for the month of October totaling \$26,902.36. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the November 2021 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Old Business: None.

2021 MASWCD Annual Convention: Wurscher stated that the annual MASWCD convention is still planning on being held on December 12-14th at the Double Tree Hilton in Bloomington. He asked the board who would be in attendance and if anyone needed assistance with registration. Wiemann stated that he would be present for the Manager/Chair meeting on Sunday. Thies, Nielsen, and Wiemann all stated they would be unavailable to attend the conservationist of the year luncheon on Tuesday.

Minnesota Soil Health Coalition: Wurscher asked the board if they were interested in becoming a member of the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition. He gave the background of the organization and the benefits of membership. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve becoming a member of the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition by submitting a payment of \$25.00 for the annual membership. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

2020 – Year End Audit: Wurscher informed the Board that the FY20 year end audit has been completed by Peterson Company, LTD. Wurscher explained that the audit was accomplished remotely and started in September. Wurscher and Wiemann had read through and approved the audit prior to the final edition. He

stated that he will pass out the final spiral bound copies to each member at the next in person meeting for their records.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached. Wiemann asked about the progress of the High Island Lake dam. Wurscher stated that Landpride Construction is having some troubles acquiring materials. At this point in time, they are now planning on starting construction July of 2022.

NRCS Report: No report.

Other Business: None.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2021, starting at 4 p.m, located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Thies seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Approved: December 7, 2021

Secretary