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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, Conference Call on July 13th, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair – Nielsen at 3:59 p.m.

Members Present: Vice Chair, Robert Nielsen, Via Video Conference
Treasurer, Kathleen Thies
Member, Loren Evenson

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin
Board Conservationist–BWSR, Jenny Mocol-Johnson, Via Video Conference

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

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the minutes of the June 2021 meeting. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Evenson and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve 31 paid bills for the month of June totaling \$28,240.81. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

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

Old Business: None.

CPL Grant - JPA: Wurscher had sent out the draft Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) agreement written by MN DNR on June 16th. Upon a motion by Thies and a second by Evenson, it was moved to agree with the terms of the JPA and sign. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Sibley County Budget Request: Wurscher had sent out a draft of this year's Sibley County budget request to the Budget Committee for comments. With positive feedback, he then sent out a copy to the full board prior to the board meeting. Upon a motion by Evenson and a second by Thies, it was moved to submit to John Glisczinski (Sibley County Administrator) the budget request as presented to the board. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Hawk Creek/Middle MN 1W1P: Wurscher notified the board that the Hawk Creek – Middle MN CWMP has initiated their 60-day comment period on the draft plan. They are requesting to have all comments in by August 20th. Wurscher then informed the board that the Policy Committee had directed the Steering Team to begin forming a JPA with the intentions of forming a Joint Powers Entity (JPE).

Wurscher stated that the CWMP had reached out to see if Sibley was interested in participating in the JPE. Wurscher informed the board that Sibley would be eligible for implementation projects within the watershed boundary regardless if Sibley is apart of the JPE or not. Upon a motion by Thies and a second by Evenson, it was moved to elect to decline participating in the JPE for the Hawk Creek – Middle MN CWMP. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Supervisor Per Diem: Wurscher reported that the board is now eligible to elect up to \$125 per day for the board Supervisor per diem. If elected, the rate increase would start August 1st, 2021. Upon a motion by Nielsen and a second by Evenson, it was moved to approve the daily per diem increase from \$75 to \$125 per day. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Leading Sibley Together: Upon a motion by Evenson and a second by Thies, it was moved to approve sending Wurscher through the 2021-2022 Leading Sibley Together leadership program. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

Other Business: Wurscher alerted the board that the Summer 2021 newsletter was printed and sent out on July 7th. Wurscher next informed the board that MASWCD is planning on a fully in person annual convention this year taking place on December 12th through the 14th.

Mocol-Johnson asked Wurscher to forward to the board her email regarding the 2021 Legislative summary. She added that BWSR has been busy prepping for this year's Academy. She stated that it will take place at Cragun's Resort October 26th-28th. Upon a motion by Thies and a second by Evenson, it was moved to approve all interested staff attending this year's BWSR Academy. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2021, starting at 4 p.m, located at 30752 Rush River Park Rd, Henderson, MN 56044.

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

Approved: August 10, 2021

Secretary