



## LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Minutes

#### Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Thursday, August 8th, Noon

408 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by Chair Todd Ronning.  
Present: Ronning-Haus-Sagen-Brodigan  
Absent: Omarzu  
Staff: Tucker-Osborn-Smerud-Passe  
Guests: Jon Sellnow
- Agenda: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Sagen to approve the agenda as printed. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Minutes: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Haus to approve the minutes for July 11th, 2019 meeting as printed. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
- Financial and administrative reports:
  - Treasurers Report: **Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Sagen to approve the treasures report as presented. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.** Tucker noted she has not received the Health Insurance bill yet and will need to have Ronning sign the check when the bill is received.
  - **Motion by Haus and seconded by Sagen to approve the budget request to Lake County for an additional \$5000 per year and additional IT support to maximize the state match. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
  - 218 Audit will be tabled until September for more time to review.
- **Guest Updates:**
- NRCS Report: Lake County has 31 Contract currently.
- **District Manager:**
  - **Motion by Haus and seconded by Sagen to approve and sign the 2020-2021 Conservation Delivery and Cost Share BWSR grants. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**
  - Stewart River Update: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Haus to approve and sign the DNR grant agreement for \$260,000 to pay for the Stewart River repairs . Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.** The grant will include some money for admin.
  - **Motion by Haus and seconded by Sagen to sign the contract bid notification for \$221,664.50 with Nordic Group Inc. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**

#### Staff Reports:

Passe reviewed a request for Cost Share assistance to extend a vegetative buffer along Lake Superior for an estimated cost of \$8,500 to \$9,000. **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to approve a cost share project with Silver Cliff Townhomes for up to \$5000 but not to exceed 75% of total project costs. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.**

Macy Osborn showed the Board the story maps she has been working on showing the location of our different projects for each funding source. She has also been setting up facebook posts to be ready to post for the rest of the year. Thank you, Macy, for all your hard work.

Sonja Smerud shared pictures of the progress at the Sawmill Creek project. The CCMI crews have been busy clearing areas and planting and caging trees.

- Coastal Grant Agreement: **Motion by Sagen and seconded by Haus to approve and sign the Coastal grant to do presentations for septic systems and wells. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None. Carried.** Nelson wrote this grant application to do three more septic/well presentations, in Two Harbors, Beaver Bay and Finland. Grant total was \$3,825 with a \$1,053 match.

**Correspondence:** Tucker shared an email she received about meetings that will be held for Source Water Protection. She will pass along the date when it is set.

**Supervisor Committee Reports and Concerns:**

Sagen shared that WICOLA was approached by Sea Grant about a research project that they are planning to track micro-plastics in fish on some of the lakes in White Iron Chain. She will get more information to bring to next meeting.

**Audit Committee: Motion by Sagen and seconded by Brodigan to approve the Audit Committee signed 21 Checks, 1 Void and 15 direct/on-line payments for a total of \$63,676.27. Affirmative: Ronning, Omarzu, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None.**

**RC&D:** Ronning did not attend.

**Governance 101: (September 12 & 13) Motion by Haus and seconded by Brodigan to approve up to three to attend with a registration of \$250. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None.** Sagen plans to attend.

**AREA III: September 26<sup>th</sup> in Hinkley the cost is \$20. Motion by Brodigan and seconded by Sagen to approve up to 2 Supervisors and 1 staff to attend. Affirmative: Ronning, Haus, Sagen, Brodigan. Abstain: None.**

**Motion to adjourn at 3:33 next meeting will be September 12, 2019 at Noon at 408 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.**

**Submitted by: Karen R. Tucker, District Manager**

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**Doug Haus, Secretary**

**Upcoming dates:**

**Area III: Resolution meeting**