

ISANTI SWCD

REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES 9:03 A.M.

April 17, 2024

**Attendance**

**Present:** Al Koczur, Clark Anderson, David Medvecky, Valerie Anderson, Tom Anderson

**Staff Present:** Tiffany Determan, Linda Gehrking

**County Commissioner:** Bill Berg

**Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Approve Agenda**

**Motion/Seconded** Koczur/ V. Anderson to approve Agenda.

**Affirmative:** Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

**Opposed:** None. Motion carried

**2. Public Comment/Correspondence**

None.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Treasurers Report**

**b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2024**

**Motion/Seconded:** No motion needed.

**4. New Business Items**

**a. Board member Per Diem tax withholding discussion.**

Board Supervisors concurred on receiving 1099s at the end of the year instead of W-2s.

**b. Contracts:**

- 1. Rum River Watershed Partnership FY23 WBIF: Streambank and shore protection, Contract 2024-2, for \$4,875; Contract 2024-3, for \$4,365.18; Contract 2024-4, for \$4,629.75; Contract 2024-5, for \$3,450**

Funding through partnership is for four contracts to be approved for Blue Lake. These four projects will use up the remaining funding. The landowners will pay 25% contribution.

**Motion/Seconded** V. And. on/Koczur to approve Rum River Watershed Partnership FY23 WBIF: Streambank and shore protection, Contract 2024-2, for \$4,875; Contract 2024-3, for \$4,365.18; Contract 2024-4, for \$4,629.75; Contract 2024-5, for \$3,450.

**Affirmative:** Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

**Opposed:** None. Motion carried

**2. 2024 Oxford Township Lakes Monitoring agreement**

IsantiSWCD is on its eighth year of lake monitoring. Determan will be requesting \$8,648 for this year. We invoice Oxford Township quarterly.

**Motion/Seconded** T. Anderson/V. Anderson to approve 2024 Oxford Township Lakes Monitoring agreement.

**Affirmative:** Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

**Opposed:** None. Motion carried

**c. Approve ISG proposal for two concept plans for Wetland Restorations on County Ditch 23-\$4,000**

ISG to complete concept design for a phase 2 wetland restoration project on County Ditch 23. Cartwright project. The scope of work will cover two concept designs (if we do not use both we only get charged for one), \$4,000 will be paid out of Metro Conservation funds.

**Motion/Seconded** Koczur/T. Anderson to approve ISG proposal for \$4,000 for two concept plans for Wetland Restorations on County Ditch 23.

**Affirmative:** Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

**Opposed:** None. Motion carried

**5. Old Business Items**

**a. SWCD DRAFT Strategic Plan Outcomes Update**

The Strategic Plan will be completed by the May meeting. Determan shared some details as follows: plan includes recommendations for job description and staff title changes, manager should identify funding that pays for staffing not projects, and manager should work with NRCS on spacing needs. Determan noted that she is working with Steffen from NRCS to rearrange the office for more room. The SWCD may need to contribute some funding for new office cubicles (between \$1,000-\$3,000).

**Motion/Seconded:** No motion needed.

**b. Rum River Watershed Partnership- Land Protection Staff update**

Determan posted Land Protection position and have received several applications. Closing date is May 3rd and Determan would like to set up interviews for May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Board Supervisor Medvecky or C. Anderson will be present for the interviews, only one will attend.

**6. Approve Payment of Bills**

Gehrking reviewed the district expenses. Checks as follows: Check #'s 7171 through 7179, Check # 5760 and all electronically paid bills.

**Motion/Seconded** V. Anderson/T. Anderson to approve payment of bills.

**Affirmative:** Koczur, C. Anderson, Medvecky, V. Anderson, T. Anderson

**Opposed:** None. Motion carried

## 7. Activity Reports

### a. Staff

Determan working with Chisago and Washington SWCD on Soil Health position description. This new hire will be spending one day a week at the Isanti office. The new hire will be taking the lead in soil health work. This position is for a four-year grant. Determan attending County Comprehensive Plan update meeting. Isanti SWCD was asked to put some policies in there on ground water.

Kulaf working on Blue Lake projects and a policy for using rock on shorelines. Kulaf is also working on several wetland projects and planning with US Fish and Wildlife. Finally, Woods project is ongoing, weather has slowed down the project.

Remer attended Ag luncheon on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Remer doing a lot of EQIP planning this month with NRCS. Remer attended Ag Tech Note 31 training in Waite Park for seeding training for pasture and cover crops. Finally, Remer spent time working on RIM Easements.

Godfrey attended Ag luncheon on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Godfrey assisting Climb Theater in organizing AIS school performances. 6<sup>th</sup> grand Conservation Day will be in May. Workshop for Buying Lakeshore Property cancelled because of lack of interest. A new webinar for Buying Lakeshore Property has been rescheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Godfrey is also planning a Shoreline Erosion Webinar for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Finally, Godfrey is working on planning outreach for Rum River Watershed for 2025 and 2026.

Gehrking noted that she provided administrative support as usual.

### b. NRCS District Conservationist

None.

### c. County Commissioners

Berg mentioned the County Comprehensive Plan meeting tonight. He also noted that the County is holding a State of the County meeting in Braham. Finally, the County will be working on a strategic plan in the near future.

### d. Committee Reports

Koczur attended Rum River Watershed Partnership staff technical meeting. Staff talked about future policy updates and implementation tracking. He noted there will be a tour from the Rum River Watershed Partnership board on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. Approve SWCD meetings & Events

Meeting/Event	Approved	Date/time
Treasures Report and Bank Reconciliation Review	Koczur	Monthly
Lower St. Croix Policy Committee Meeting	T. Anderson, Medvecky	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 4-6 PM, Wyoming Library
MASWCD Area IV Spring Meeting	all	April 23, 9am-12, Ramsey County Parks Building

Interviews	Medvecky, C. Anderson	May 8, 9 <sup>th</sup> TBD
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**9. Adjourn**

Medvecky to Adjourn the meeting 10:45.

Board Secretary:



Date 5/5, 2024