

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 10, 2023
Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District
1150 Highway 75 North, Breckenridge, Minnesota

Aigner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Ross Aigner, Chairman
 Kyle Gowin, Vice Chairman
 Jared Nordick, Secretary
 Joshua Deal, Treasurer
 Bruce Nelson, Public Relations & Information

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Craig Lingen, District Manager
 Diane Lommel, District Clerk
 Kim Melton, Resource Specialist
 Patrick Brejcha, Field Technician
 Jamieson Volk, NRCS

Aigner opened the nominations for the election of officers for 2024.

Motion made by Gowin to keep official positions the same for 2024 and for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve the regular board meeting minutes of December 6, 2023 and special board meeting minutes of December 28, 2023. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deal to approve the financial statements dated December 31, 2023. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried

Motion made by Nordick to approve the amended 2024 budget as presented. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Supervisors reviewed the Memorandums of Understanding.

Motion made by Nordick to designate all Breckenridge's and Wahpeton's banks and credit unions as financial institutions for 2024. Seconded by Deal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve the general fixed asset list for 2024. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to pay 2024 dues to NACD \$775.00, MASWCD \$5,992.08, MASWCD Area I \$300.00, and MACDE \$100.00. Seconded by Gowin. Motion carried.

Lommel stated the MASWCD legislative briefing will be held on March 12-13.

Supervisors made the following appointments to district committees for 2024: Personnel – Aigner and Deal; Legislative – Aigner and Gowin; Technical Service Area – Nordick and Aigner; One Watershed One Plan-Buffalo Red – Nelson and Nordick; One Watershed One Plan-Mustinka/Bois de Sioux – Gowin and Deal.

Motion made by Deal to increase mileage rate to 67 cents for business use effective January 1, 2024. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deal to approve final cost share incentive payment of \$1,745.00 for cover crop of 50 acres at \$34.90 per acre concerning contract #FY23-CCI-002 (Robert Nord). Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve partial incentive payment of \$7,520.00 for #CWFSHFY22-01 (Robert Nord). Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve cancellation of Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract #CWFSHFY22-06 (Luke Nord). Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve final cost share payment of \$26,423.25 concerning contract #FY21-BRRWD-WBIF-001 (Ross Aigner). Abstained: Aigner. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve final cost share payment of \$29,374.50 concerning contract #FY21-BRRWD-WBIF-002 (Jim Jawaski). Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve final cost share payment of \$16,537.50 concerning contract #FY21-05 (Mark Blaufuss). Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to approve partial cost share payment of \$28,216.44 concerning contract #CWF21-WHIO1 (Buffalo Red River Watershed District). Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to approve payment of \$25,000.00 to Houston Engineering for Whiskey Creek Enhancement project. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deal to approve certified incentive payments for Soil Health Incentive Program (SHIP) (See Attachment #1). Seconded by Nelson. Abstained: Aigner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deal to approve FY23 Farm Business Management payments to Caleb Christensen \$807.79 and Riley Miller \$888.56. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve Melton to attend 2024 National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting February 10-15, 2024 with all expenses paid. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to approve workorder RIM Easement Delivery in the amount of \$4,750.00. Seconded by Deal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deal to approve Lommel to sign BWSR agreements as received. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to have Stroh pursue PRAP Grant for \$10,000.00. Seconded by Deal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deal to accept Lingen's resignation effective February 9, 2024. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Project, program, and workload updates were given by District staff and supervisors and NRCS staff.

Motion made by Nordick to approve December bills as presented. Seconded by Gowin. Motion carried.

Aigner set the next meeting for Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion made by Deal to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Secretary

Date