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The mission of the Mille Lacs Soil & Water Conservation District is to assist area people with soil and water resource management.

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Frequently Used Acronyms:

(AgBMP) Agricultural BMP Loan Programs

(SCS) State Cost Share

(BWSR) Board of Water & Soil Resources

(CLWMP) County Local Water Mgmt Plan

(SWCD) Soil & Water Conservation District

(MASWCD) MN Assn. of Soil & Water Cons. Districts

(MLLWVG) Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Mgmt Group

(NRBG) Natural Resources Block Grant

(PFM) Private Forest Management

(LSP) Landscape Stewardship Plan

(NRCS) Natural Resources Conservation Service

(WCA) Wetland Conservation Act

(SRWMB) Snake River Watershed Mgmt Board

(CWF) Clean Water Fund Grant (BWSR)

(TSA 3) Technical Service Area 3

(MAWQCP) MN Ag. Water Quality Certification Program

(WPLMN) Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network

(1W1P) One Watershed, One Plan

(PTM) Priority Target Measure

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

The meeting of the Mille Lacs Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board was held in Conference Room D at the Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse, Milaca, Minnesota with a remote option.

**Members Present:**

Chair, Jake Janski, District 3

Vice Chair, Kurt Beckstrom, District 2

Secretary, Andre LaSalle, District 4

Member, Kathy Stoeckel, District 1

**Members Absent:**

Treasurer, Robert Hoefert, District 5

**Staff Present:**

District Administrator, Susan Shaw

Shoreland Technician, Lynn Gallice

**Visitors:**

Cmsr Liaison, Genny Reynolds

NRCS, Barb Zeroth

1. **Call to Order** Vice Chair Beckstrom called the meeting to order at 6:07pm
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Verbal**

Beckstrom – No Conflict  
Lasalle – No Conflict  
Janski – Indicated he may have an actual or perceived conflict of interest with item 4c. and will abstain from the vote. A portion of the project payment would go to the company he works for, MNL.
3. **Motion by Janski to approve the updated agenda;** LaSalle second. Vice Chair Beckstrom ask if anyone was opposed: hearing none the motion carried.

Kathy Stoeckel joined the meeting.

4. **Motion by Janski to approve the consent agenda as presented;** Stoeckel second. Vice Chair Beckstrom ask if anyone was opposed: hearing none **the motion carried.**
  - a. Approve October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - b. Information Only: Partner Reports, Project Summaries, News Releases
  - c. Approve authorized project payment in the amount of \$1,128.81 to Stacie Blaskowski, contract C17-0721-4, for shoreland stabilization and revegetation based an amount not to exceed \$1,223.50 or 50% of the est. cost of \$2,447 to be paid from FY17 CWF ML Lake Watershed & Upper Rum River Watershed Coordinator grant C17-9721.
  
5. **Open Public Forum:** No public comment.
  
6. **Staff Reports/Presentations**
  - a. Staff Presentation –Lynn Gallice provided examples from her work that demonstrate the new civic approach to partnering in the community. This approach uses civic standards to support an active role for all citizens in managing soil & water resources.
  - b. Administrator’s Report –
    - Ms Shaw reported she met with the ML County Board today to review activities that could be supported with the county allocation provided to leverage State SWCD Local Capacity grant funds: Forestry, Ag in the West Br sub watershed, ML Lake, groundwater geologic atlas well locating.
    - Shaw shared that county staff activities to enhance buffers on public ditches could be an eligible use of State Buffer Law Implementation funds.
    - MLC is reviewing the MOU/lease agreement with the SWCD which will expire Dec 31.
  
7. **District Policy, Planning, Activities, Projects, & Grants**
  - a. District Work Plan Check In on Progress – Shaw noted that the Watershed Management Advisory Committee report provides an analysis of how the role of the committee could change as the transition from county water planning to comprehensive watershed planning happens.
  - b. Comprehensive Watershed Planning (1W1P)
    - i. Rum River – Attorneys met to hash out a organization agreement recommendation for the partnership that would address liability and local control concerns. The Technical Advisory committee will be breaking into sub-teams to develop implementation actions and begin to prioritize target areas.
    - ii. Snake River – Policy cmte met for an update on project progress. Shaw provided a budget overview as the fiscal agent rep.
  
8. **Financials**
  - a. Approve Statement Audit (Finance Committee Member) – tabled to December
  - b. Approve Monthly Financial Report
    - i. Treasurer’s Report – tabled to Dec
    - ii. Checks written #7646-7667 and electronic transfer’s #e20-082-091 totaling \$53,502.15  
**Motion by Janski to approve payments;** LaSalle second. Vice Chair Beckstrom ask if anyone was opposed: hearing none **the motion carried.**
  - c. Update to CARES Act cubicle enhancement estimated cost \$10,340.79  
**Motion by Janski to approve the expenditures;** LaSalle second. Vice Chair Beckstrom ask if anyone was opposed: hearing none **the motion carried.**

- d. Wahkon Stormwater Mgmt FY19 CWF grant C19-2703 - S.E.H. invoice \$1,995.64  
**Motion by Janski to approve payments**; LaSalle second. Vice Chair Beckstrom ask if anyone was opposed: hearing none **the motion carried.**
- e. Budget 2021 status overview – Shaw reported Capacity funding 2021 is still not confirmed.

**9. Informational Updates**

- a. Watersheds, Workgroups
  - i. Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group (Janski) – Janski and Shaw attended. Shaw provided a 1w1p update.
  - ii. Snake River Watershed CAC & Board Meeting (Beckstrom) – Beckstrom attended, Kanabec and Pine SWCD presented two projects.
  - iii. 1W1P Rum River Policy Meeting (Janski) – discussed earlier
  - iv. 1W1P Snake River Policy Meeting (Beckstrom) – discussed earlier

**10. Meetings & Events**

- a. Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Mgmt. Group (Janski/Hoefert)..... Nov. 16 @ 10am, Remote
- b. SWCD Forestry (LaSalle, Janski/Beckstrom)..... Nov. 19 @ 10am, Remote
- c. Snake River Watershed CAC & Board Meeting (Beckstrom, Hoefert) ..... Nov. 23 @ 9am, Remote
- d. 1W1P Snake River Policy Committee (Beckstrom, Hoefert)..... Nov. 23 @ 10:30 am, Remote
- e. 1W1P Snake River Advisory Committee - Liaison (Beckstrom)..... Nov. 12 @ 1:30pm, Remote
- f. Midwest Active Citizenship Initiative (MACI)..... Nov 19 @ 9am, Remote
- g. Other Planned Committee Meetings
  - i. Finance (Hoefert & Stoeckel; Janski) ..... tbd if additional financial info available
  - ii. Personnel (Janski & LaSalle; Stoeckel) ..... date tbd
  - iii. One on One Meetings

**Motion by Janski to approve meetings and events**, Stoeckel second. Vice Chair Beckstrom ask if anyone was opposed: hearing none **the motion carried.**

**11. Supervisor Updates**

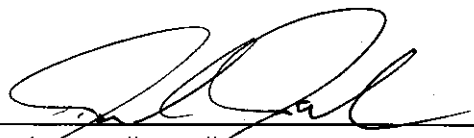
Janski reported Russel Kurhajetz is the new Area 3 director elect for 2021. Janski remains co-director, Frank Turnock remains treasurer and Bob Hoefert remains secretary.

Beckstrom provided NACD updates

**12. Evaluate the Meeting**

**13. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 2020, 6:00 pm, Historic Courthouse, Conference Room D/remote.**

**14. Vice Chair Beckstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.**

  
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 Andre LaSalle, Mille Lacs SWCD Secretary  
 Jake Janski, Alternate

12/9/20  
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 Date