



SNAKE RIVER

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

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"Working to enhance and protect the water resources of the Snake River Watershed"

Minutes of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and Citizen Advisory Committee- October 26, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Webex Call-In

Board Members Present: Commissioner Tellinghuisen- Mille Lacs County, Commissioner Mohr- Pine County, Commissioner Ellis- Kanabec County (filled in for Commissioner Smith), and Commissioner Pratt- Aitkin County

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Members Present: Kurt Beckstrom- Mille Lacs SWCD Board, Roberta Elvecrog- Aitkin County, Bob Roseberg- Aitkin SWCD, Don Deutsch- Cross Lake, and Paul Hoppe- Kanabec SWCD

Technical Advisors Present: Deanna Pomije & Josh Votruba- Kanabec SWCD, Susan Shaw, Casey Field & Harmony Maslowski- Mille Lacs SWCD, Twyla Hill- Pine SWCD, Mary Reuter- Cross Lake, Eric Alms- MPCA, and Jason Weinerman- BWSR

Recording Secretary/SRW Coordinator: Ryan Carda

Public: none

I. Call to Order/ Approval and Additions to Agenda

The joint October 26, 2020 meeting of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and CAC was called to order at 9:00am by Chairperson Commissioner Tellinghuisen.

CAC: A motion was made by Bob Roseberg, seconded by Kurt Beckstrom to recommend approval of the agenda as presented.
All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to approve the agenda as presented
All in favor, motion carried.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February 24, 2020

CAC: A motion was made by Kurt Beckstrom, seconded by Don Deutsch to review and recommend approval of the February 24, 2020 minutes at a later date.
All in favor, Motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Ellis to review and recommend approval of the February 24, 2020 minutes at a later date.
All in favor, motion carried.

III. Financial Report:

A budget sheet was provided and reviewed:

All county allocations have been received. Current balance of \$312,075.77.

A question was brought up about the 2021 budget and it was noted that there is a work plan for the 2021 budget.

IV. New Business

Invoices/Claims:

Kanabec SWCD- Newsletter- \$169.42:

CAC: A motion was made by Paul Hoppe, seconded by Kurt Beckstrom to recommend approval of the \$169.42 payment for the newsletter.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to approve the \$169.42 payment for the newsletter.

All in favor, motion carried.

Mille Lacs SWCD- Website Management- \$402.36:

There was discussion on how the value was calculated and what the expectation would be for future payment of the website. Due to the random and small costs of updating the website, the suggestion was made that future claims would be made annually.

CAC: A motion was made by Bob Roseberg, seconded by Paul Hoppe to recommend approval of the \$402.36 payment for the website management.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Ellis to approve the \$402.36 payment for the website management.

All in favor, motion carried.

Projects/Proposals:

Kanabec SWCD- McVay Farms- \$14,046.75

The SRW Board and CAC discussed the requested amount and the timeline for completion. The project was scheduled to begin soon, but could be delayed until 2021 due to financial limitations of the property owner. It was discussed that approval should move forward that the funds are ready whenever the property owner decides to move forward with the project.

CAC: A motion was made by Kurt Beckstrom, seconded by Bob Roseberg to recommend approval of funds for the McVay Farms project for up to \$14,046.75.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to approve funds for the McVay Farms project for up to \$14,046.75.

All in favor, motion carried.

Pine SWCD- DeGray Streambank Grazing Project- Proposed Project

Twyla Hill provided background information on the project. No dollar amounts or loading calculations have been done. The project is near a public water access and could be a beneficial educational tool.

Pine SWCD- Lindbeck Lakeshore Buffer & Shoreline Protection

Twyla Hill provided background information on the project. No dollar amounts or loading calculations have been done. The property owner would be motivated to do the project if the cost could be kept low.

V. Old Business

None

VI. Updates

Kanabec SWCD- Deanna Pomije

Deanna provided an update on 1W1P. There are upcoming outreach meetings intended to educate community members and gather input on issues that are viewed as important. Outreach meetings within agriculture, forestry, and lakes and rivers have been planned to cover a wide range of sectors relating to water quality.

CAC

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed and it was determined that a November meeting should be scheduled just in case there are any items that need to be addressed. A December meeting will not be planned due to the holiday season. After that a normal meeting schedule will resume in January.

VII. Public Comment/Discussion

None

VIII. Adjourn:

CAC: A motion was made by Paul Hoppe, seconded by Don Deutsch to adjourn the CAC meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to adjourn the SRW Board meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Carda

Coordinator/Recording Secretary SRWMB