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Minutes of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and Citizen Advisory Committee-November 28, 2022. On Site Kanabec County Courthouse Meeting Room 3/4 and Virtual Meeting via *Webex Call-In

Board Members Present: Commissioner Tellinghuisen - Mille Lacs County, Commissioner Smith-Kanabec County, Commissioner Lovgren- Pine County, Commissioner Niemi- Aitkin County

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Members Present: Bob Roseberg- Aitkin SWCD Board, Don Deutsch -Cross Lake Assoc., Kathy Nielson- Pokegama Lake Assoc., *Roberta Elvecrog- Aitkin County, Jack Frechette-Pine SWCD Board, Kevin Belkholm- Kanabec SWCD Board, Robert Hoefert-Mille Lacs SWCD Board

Technical Advisors Present: Deanna Pomije & Stephanie Paulson - Kanabec SWCD, Zach Van Orsdel- Pine SWCD, *Darren Mayers- BWSR

Recording Secretary/SRW Coordinator: Teresa Wickeham- Kanabec County

Public: Applicant- Caleb Anderson- Pine County Planning & Zoning

I. Call to Order/ Approval and Additions to Agenda

The joint November 28, 2022 meeting of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and CAC was called to order at 9:00am by Commissioner Tellinghuisen.

CAC: A motion was made by Don Deutsch, seconded by Bob Hoefert to recommend approval the agenda as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the agenda as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from July 25, 2022.

CAC: A motion was made by Don Deutsch, seconded by Kevin Belkholm to recommend approval of the July 25, 2022 minutes as presented.

All in favor, Motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Lovgren, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the July 25, 2022 minutes as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

III. Financial Report:

The CAC & Board reviewed the financial report and allocated funds.

IV. New Business

Commissioner Smith addressed the Board and CAC members concerning the Snake River 1W1P and if the Snake River Watershed Management Board would administer the 1W1P if asked to

do so by their respected counties.

After discussion a vote was taken:

Because the Snake River Watershed Management Board members represent their respected counties and do not have any authority other than what is given to the members, if asked by their respected counties the Snake River Watershed Management Board Members would administer the Snake River 1W1P.

In favor: Commissioner Tellinghuisen, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Niemi Opposed: Commissioner Lovgren

Invoices/Claims:

Pine County SWCD- Helm project- approved for \$13,428.00-Invoice \$5,312.25

CAC: A motion was made by Kathy Nielson, seconded by Bob Hoefert to recommend payment of the Pine SWCD- Helm project invoice for the amount of \$5312.25.

All in favor, motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Lovgren, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve payment to Pine SWCD-Helm project for the amount of \$5312.25. All in favor, motion carried.

Projects/Proposals:

Pine County- Caleb Anderson- Rain Barrels for riparian properties- \$3000.00

Pine County provides rain barrels to their citizens at a cost of \$90+ tax and is requesting funding to provide a cost share of 75% with home owners to pay 25% of the cost.

The CAC and Board discussed tracking and verifying that the rain barrels are within the Snake River watershed, site inspection requirement.

CAC: A motion was made by Don Deutsch, seconded by Kathy Nielson to recommend approval of funding the Rain Barrel project for the amount of \$3000.00 contingent upon Pine County verifying the property location and site inspection.

All in favor, motion carried.

SRW Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Lovgren to approve funding of the Rain Barrel project for the amount of \$3000.00 contingent upon Pine County verifying the property location and site inspection.

All in favor, motion carried.

Kanabec County SWCD- extension request- Ryan Nelson road access project

This approved project was unable to meet the deadline for installation do to financial reasons but does wish to continue with it.

CAC: A motion was made by Kathy Nielson, seconded by Don Deutsch to recommend approval of Nelson application extension.

All in favor, motion carried.

Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Nelson application extension.

All in favor, motion carried.

V. Old Business

N/A

VI. Updates

Commissioner Tellinghuisen stated that the Snake River Watershed Board will have new Commissioners from Kanabec and Aitkin County and thanked Commissioners Smith, Napstad and Niemi for serving on the Board.

VII. Public Comment/Discussion

None

VIII. Adjourn:

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

All in favor, motion carried.

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

All in favor, motion carried. Meeting Adjourn at 9:45

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Wickeham
Coordinator/Recording Secretary SRWMB