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Minutes of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and Citizen Advisory Committee-February 27, 2023. On Site Kanabec County Courthouse Meeting Room 3/4 and Virtual Meeting via \*Webex Call-In

Board Members Present: Commissioner Ripka-Kanabec County, Commissioner Lovgren- Pine County, Commissioner Sample- Aitkin County

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Members Present: Bob Roseberg- Aitkin SWCD Board, \*Don Deutsch -Cross Lake Assoc., \*Roberta Elvecrog- Aitkin County, Kurt Beckstrom-Mille Lacs SWCD Board, Michael Cummins- Pine SWCD Board

Technical Advisors Present: Deanna Pomije - Kanabec SWCD, Zach Van Orsdel- Pine SWCD, Susan Shaw- Mille Lacs SWCD, Darren Mayers- BWSR

Recording Secretary/SRW Coordinator: Teresa Wickeham- Kanabec County

Public: Applicant- Caleb Anderson- Pine County Planning & Zoning, David Minke- Pine County Administrator, Tom Roeschlein- Kanabec County Commissioner

### I. Call to Order/ Approval and Additions to Agenda

The joint February 27, 2023 meeting of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and CAC Organizational Meeting was called to order at 9:25 By Teresa Wickeham, Coordinator.

- Nominations for Board Chairperson were called for.
  - Commissioner Ripka nominated Commissioner Tellinghuisen for Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Sample.
  - Having no other nominees and upon an "all in favor" vote, Commissioner Tellinghuisen was elected Chairperson. (Not in attendance at meeting)
- Nominations for Board Vice Chairperson were called for.
  - Commissioner Small nominated Commissioner Lovgren for Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Ripka.
  - Having no other nominees and upon an "all in favor" vote, Commissioner Lovgren was elected Vice- Chairperson.
  - At this time the meeting was turned over to Vice-Chair Commissioner Lovgren in absence of the Chairperson.
- The Vice-Chairperson called for nominations for Secretary.
  - Commissioner Sample nominated Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Lovgren.
  - Having no other nominees and upon an "all in favor" vote, Commissioner Ripka was elected Secretary.

At this time the Citizens Advisory Committee does not have a quorum and will hold their organizational meeting at a later meeting.

Approval and Additions to Agenda

CAC:

**SRW Board:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Ripka to approve the agenda as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from November 28, 2022

CAC:

**SRW Board:** A motion was made by Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Sample to approve the November 28, 2022 minutes as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

## **III. Financial Report:**

**The Snake River financial report** was reviewed and the Coordinator will run an audit report to verify the report. The invoiced projects will be updated as needed.

CAC:

**SRW Board:** A motion was made by Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Sample to accept the report with future updates.

All in favor, motion carried.

The Snake River Watershed Management Board proposed Work Plan- 2023 was presented and discussed.

CAC:

**SRW Board:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Ripka to approve the 2023 Snake River Watershed Management Board Work Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

The contracts for the Snake River Watershed Management Board Audits for 2021 and 2022 where presented. The contract will be with Peterson and Companies, Waconia MN for the sum of \$5800.00

CAC:

**SRW Board:** A motion was made by Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Sample to approve and sign the contracts for the 2021 and 2022 Snake River Watershed Management Board audit.

All in favor, motion carried.

#### IV. New Business

## Invoices/Claims:

Kanabec County Environmental Services- 2022 Contract payment- \$25,000.

CAC:

**Board:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Ripka to approve payment to Kanabec County Environmental Services for \$25,000 for the 2022 contract.

All in favor, motion carried.

## **Projects/Proposals:**

Kanabec County SWCD- No-Till Drill Purchase-\$4,499 toward the cost of the drill.

#### CAC:

**SRW Board:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Ripka to approve funding of the No-Till Drill for the amount of \$4,499 All in favor, motion carried.

### V. Old Business

The Board and meeting attendees discussed the Snake River Watershed Board and One Watershed/One Plan. Discussion centered around what the organizations do now and in the future.

# VI. Updates

Groundwater Atlas Workshop flyer.

# **VII. Public Comment/Discussion**

None

# VIII. Adjourn:

CAC:

**Board:** A motion was made by Commissioner Ripka, seconded by Commissioner Sample to adjourn the SRW Board meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourn at 10:30

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Wickeham
Coordinator/Recording Secretary SRWMB