19-02-01 David Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., at the MN Wheat Growers Building in Red Lake Falls.

19-02-02 Red Lake County SWCD Board Members and Staff Present:

David Miller, Chairman
Mark LaCrosse, Vice Chairman
Linda Mickelson, Secretary
Tanya Hanson, District Manager
Robert Bohland, District Technician
Kevin Reich, Reporter

Also Present:
Luther Newton, NRCS District Conservationist

19-02-03 Linda Mickelson motioned to approve the February Board agenda with the following additions: RLWD Advisory Committee, Long Lake Conservation Camp, and Buffer Monitoring Program. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-04 Mark LaCrosse motioned to approve the January 14th board meeting minutes. Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-05 In January, there were $19,717.69 total payments and $17,099.85 total deposits, leaving a cash checking balance of $699,762.60. Linda Mickelson motioned to approve the January Treasurer’s Report. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-06 Board Member Reports:
There were no board member reports.

19-02-07 Hanson’s Report:

Shoreland Program:
Three Shoreland permit applications were reviewed. The applications were taken to the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners meeting on February 12th for approval.

District Website:
All of the eLink program reports have been put on the Districts’ website to meet BWSR’s reporting requirements.

**2016 & 2017 MDM Grants:**
Tanya will be working with Kurt Casavan this spring to identify additional Side Water Inlet Sites for JCD 60 and JCD 66.

**Feedlot Program:**
The feedlot annual report, supplemental page, and financial reports was submitted to MPCA for review and approval.

**eLink reporting and Website reporting:**
The following six eLink reports were completed by February 1st: 2017 SWCD Local Capacity, 2018 SWCD Local Capacity, 2017 MDM Grant, 2018 WCA Program report, 2018 and 2019 SSTS Program Grant, Incentive funds, and Upgrade grants.

The Projects Accomplished Photo Gallery has been updated on the website along with the Shoreland Ordinance 2018 Amendment.

**2016 Ecofootprint Grant:**
Red Lake County SWCD received a six-month extension on the 2016 MARC&D Ecofootprint Grant from Enbridge. There is $48,667.88 of 2016 MARC&D Ecofootprint Grant funds remaining for projects.

**Ag BMP Loan Program:**
There was one Ag BMP Loan Application completed for a 2019 Kwik-Till for Residue Management.

**Conservation Planner Position:**
Conducted interviews with Pennington and West Polk SWCDs for the Conservation Planner position from the NACD grant Pennington SWCD received. An individual was selected. A meeting was held in Crookston on February 5th to discuss with Bob Guetter, NRCS Team Leader the steps needed to provide this individual a computer seat and workstation area.

**Red River Valley Technical Service Area:**
Attended the meeting in Thief River Falls to discuss the following: Engineering Request Forms, Fees for Services, Technical Assistance Training, Soil Health Tour, Jim Hest retirement, etc.

**Reconciliation:**
Jeanette Austin, BWSR conducted a Reconciliation on the 2017 SWCD Local Capacity grant. Matt Fischer, BWSR Board Conservationist conducted a file review of program files.

**Red Lake River 1W1P:**
On February 12th, Tanya took the Red Lake River 1W1P resolution to adopt the amended plan to the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for approval. The District will need to approve the same resolution for the Red Lake River 1W1P.

Upcoming Meetings:
February 20th – eLink webinar and Year-End Feedlot Review
February 21st – MACFO Board Meeting – St. Cloud
February 22nd – Shoreland Management/Restoration Training – Bemidji
February 25th – Agricultural Water Forum - Crookston

19-02-08 Bohland’s Report

WCA:
Worked on WCA training through the BWSR website

Buffer Program:
Wrote a letter to send to noncompliant landowners
Defined the buffer monitoring plan for the website per BWSR’s request

District Capacity:
Attended Filter Strip Training in Erskine
Talked with MNDOT about a partnership for the district Pollinator Program
Took tree orders
Worked with NRCS about receiving EJAA for SWIs and Filter Strips
Completed prerequisites for Shoreland Restoration Training

19-02-09 Simonson’s Report

No report was provided.

19-02-10 NRCS Report

A written report will be provided by the NRCS District Conservationist; which will be attached to the minutes once it is received.

19-02-11 Old Business:
Discussion was held on the New Cover Crop Incentive Program, the New Fishing Line Recycling Program, and Habitat Pollinator Program for Red Lake County SWCD.

Tanya provided the board with a DRAFT Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy. The board tabled the DRAFT Cover Crop Policy until the March Board meeting so they would have more time to review the document. There were a couple of suggestions that the board/staff would like to see added to the policy.
Discussion was held on setting a dollar amount to fund the Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program. Tanya informed the board that she would like to see $10,000.00 from the 2019 SWCD Local Capacity Funding be set-aside for the New Cover Crop Incentive Program in Red Lake County. Kevin Reich motioned to approve $10,000.00 of the 2019 SWCD Local Capacity Grant funds be appropriated to the New Cover Crop Incentive Program in Red Lake County. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

Discussion was held on the New Fishing Line Recycling Program. Bob informed the board of the supplies needed to fund this program. The District will be working with Berkley, who will recycle the fishing line and Boat US Foundation, who will be providing the decals. The cost should not exceed $500.00 so no board motion was needed.

Discussion was held on the Habitat Pollinator Program. Agassiz Seed Company will be providing the seed to the District at a rate of $30/lb for the Pollinator Mix. The program will be expanded this year to include some promotional planting sites with signage, such as at the: Golf Course, City Parks, MN DOT (along road right-of-way), etc. Linda Mickelson motioned to approve up to $3,000.00 of the 2019 SWCD Local Capacity Grant funds be appropriated to the Habitat Pollinator Program in Red Lake County. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-12 **New Business:**
Discussion was held on a resolution to adopt and implement the amended Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Mark LaCrosse motioned to approve the resolution to adopt and implement the amended Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Linda Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-13 Discussion was held on appointing a Board Member to take Orville Knott’s place on the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee. Mark LaCrosse stated that he would be interested in serving on this committee. Kevin Reich motioned to appoint Mark LaCrosse to the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee. Linda Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-14 Discussion was held on the District Audit. Tanya informed the board that the District needed an audit for 2018. Peterson Company submitted a bid for approval in the amount of $2,650.00. Kevin Reich motioned to approve...
the Audit Bid from Peterson Company in the amount of $2,650.00. Linda Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-15 Discussion was held on the District Financial Report. Tanya informed the board that BWSR is trying something new this year. If your District has a scheduled audit, all that is required to BWSR is a profit and loss statement along with the Audit approval letter.

19-02-16 Discussion was held on the District Tree Program. Tanya informed the board that 1700 trees have been purchased from Schumacher’s Nursery thus far with 1425 of trees being sold.

19-02-17 Discussion was held on the Area 1 Meeting. Tanya informed the board that the Area 1 Meeting is scheduled for March 19th in Detroit Lakes. Mark LaCrosse is planning to attend the Area 1 meeting.

19-02-18 Discussion was held on the Red Lake Watershed District Advisory Committee appointment. Linda Mickelson motioned to appoint Tanya Hanson to the RLWD Advisory Committee, with Bob Bohland being the alternate, if she is unable to attend. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-19 Discussion was held on Long Lake Conservation Camp. Kevin Reich motioned to sponsor two students to attend Long Lake Conservation Camp in 2019. Linda Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-20 Discussion was held on the Red Lake County SWCD Buffer Monitoring Plan. Linda Mickelson motioned to approve the Red Lake County SWCD Monitoring Plan. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

19-02-21 Mark LaCrosse motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. Linda Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Kevin Reich, and Linda Mickelson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Mickelson, Secretary     Date approved
Red Lake County SWCD