Red Lake County
Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2019

19-03-01  David Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., at the MN Wheat Growers Building in Red Lake Falls.

19-03-02  Red Lake County SWCD Board Members and Staff Present:

David Miller, Chairman  Tanya Hanson, District Manager
Mark LaCrosse, Vice Chairman  Kevin Reich, Reporter

Also Present:
Allen Remick, Red Lake County Commissioner

19-03-03  Mark LaCrosse motioned to approve the March Board agenda with the following additions: Closed Meeting to discuss personnel issues. Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, and Kevin Reich.

19-03-04  Kevin Reich motioned to approve the February 19th board meeting minutes. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, and Kevin Reich.

19-03-05  In February, there were $18,860.34 total payments and $15,428.91 total deposits, leaving a cash checking balance of $696,331.17. Kevin Reich motioned to approve the February Treasurer’s Report. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, and Kevin Reich.

19-03-06  **Board Member Reports:**
There were no board member reports.

19-03-07  **Hanson’s Report:**

**Shoreland Program:**
Tanya attended a Shoreland Restoration Training in Bemidji on February 22nd.

**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:**
Molly Costin, MPCA Regional Staff met with Tanya on February 20th to conduct the Year-End Review of the County Feedlot Program. The County received a 100% rating on meeting the MPCA Program requirements.

The feedlot annual report, supplemental page, and financial reports was submitted to MPCA for final approval.

**eLink reporting:**
Tanya attended an eLink webinar on February 20th on Individual Development Plan (Job Approval Authority) being put into eLink for tracking purposes.

**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.

**Conservation Planner Position:**
Pennington and West Polk SWCD conducted another interview for the Conservation Planner position. The previous individual that was offered the position declined.

**Cover Crop Incentive Program:**
Tanya continued to work on the Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy, adding updates from supervisors, staff, and the BWSR Board Conservationist.

Tanya filled out the Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implementation Plan Request Form for Red Lake County SWCD.

**Red Lake River 1W1P:**
On March 1st, the Red Lake River 1W1P Planning Work Group met with MPCA to discuss the next steps with the 319 Grant that was received.

On March 7th, the Red Lake River 1W1P Planning Work Group met to develop RCPP (Regional Conservation Planning Partnership) Ranking Questions.

**Feedlot Program:**
Tanya attended the MACFO/FEMAT Board meeting on March 4th in St. Cloud.

**SWCD Local Capacity Workplan:**
Tanya amended the 2019 SWCD Local Capacity Workplan in eLink to include the additional $70,000.00 that was received from Red Lake County and the State of Minnesota (Matching Funds).

**District:**
Tanya assisted Mahnomen SWCD with their year-end financial reports.
MGS County Geological Atlas:
Tanya brought to the Red Lake County Commissioners on February 26th the MGS County Geological Atlas proposal. A letter of intent was signed and approved by the Red Lake County Commissioners on February 26th, 2019 to proceed with the County Geological Atlas.

Upcoming Meetings:
March 13th – Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop – Fergus Falls
March 18th – Red Lake Watershed District Advisory Committee Meeting – TRF
March 19th – Area 1 Meeting – Detroit Lakes
March 20th and 21st – BWSR Local Governmental Unit discussion followed by the RRWMB and Flood Damage Reduction meeting – Moorhead

19-03-08  Bohland’s Report

WCA:
Worked on WCA training through the BWSR website
Fielded phone calls about wetlands on acreage that was being sold

Buffer Program:
Mailed a letter to noncompliant landowners stating the steps that would be taken under the APO process
Spoke with BWSR staff about best practices for documenting buffer compliance when lands change ownership
Updated Buffcat and GIS for compliance

District Capacity:
Attended a soil health workshop at Pennington County
Took tree orders
Attended HEL GIS training for new NRCS toolkit
Began working on rain barrels
Spoke with Pheasants Forever about their “pollinator pigeon” program
Updated tax records in GIS for property that has changed hands

19-03-09  Simonson’s Report

No report was provided.

19-03-10  NRCS Report

No report was provided.

19-03-11  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 the most up-to-date DRAFT Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy. Tanya informed the Board that Matt Fischer, BWSR Board Conservationist had reviewed and made comments to the document. Mark LaCrosse motioned to approve the Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy with the updated changes. Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, and Kevin Reich.

Tanya provided the board with a copy of the Nonstructural Land Management Practices (NLMP) Implementation Plan Request Form to review and approve. Kevin Reich motioned to approve the Nonstructural Land Management Practices (NLMP) Implementation Plan Request Form for the Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, and Kevin Reich.

There was no discussion held on the New Fishing Line Recycling Program.

Discussion was held on the Habitat Pollinator Program. Tanya informed the board that Bob Bohland was going to order 50 lbs. of Habitat Pollinator Seed Mix from Agassiz.

Discussion was held on the District Tree Program. Tanya informed the board that 1740 trees have been purchased from Schumacher’s Nursery thus far with 1265 of trees being sold. There are 425 trees remaining to be sold by the District.

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.

Discussion was held on Long Lake Conservation Camp. Tanya informed the board that a newspaper article has been placed in both county newspapers advertising Long Lake Conservation Camp Sponsorship Program. The deadline for receiving essay’s is March 22, 2019.

19-03-12 New Business:
Discussion was held on a resolution to adopt the Red Lake County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWMP) as the Red Lake County SWCD Comprehensive Plan. Mark LaCrosse motioned to adopt the Red Lake County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWMP) as the SWCD Comprehensive Plan. Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, and Kevin Reich.

19-03-14 Discussion was held on the NACD Grant Application for Technical Assistance for the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area 1. Tanya informed the board that she had signed the signature page representing the Red Lake County SWCD as in favor of the grant application to assist with technical assistance funding for the TSA 1 employees.

19-03-15 Discussion was held on the Legislative Update. There are currently three bills that are going to be voted on:

- SWCD Local Capacity Funding
- SWCD Funding Authority – Local Levy
- Technical changes to 103C – state statutory responsibilities for SWCDs

19-03-16 At 9:55 a.m. the Red Lake County SWCD Board closed the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

19-03-17 At 10:14 a.m. the Red Lake County SWCD Board reopened the meeting. The District Manager was provided guidance by the Red Lake County SWCD Board on how to address the personnel issue.

19-03-18 Mark LaCrosse motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am. Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, and Kevin Reich.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Mickelson, Secretary                  Date approved
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