Red Lake County  
Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Monday, July 8, 2019  

19-07-01 David Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 8:00 A.M., at the MN Wheat Growers Building in Red Lake Falls.

19-07-02 Red Lake County SWCD Board Members and Staff Present:

David Miller, Chairman  
Tanya Waldo, District Manager  
Linda Mickelson, Secretary  
David Bachand, Treasurer  
Kevin Reich, Reporter  

Also, Present:  
Allen Remick, Red Lake County Commissioner  

19-07-03 Linda Mickelson motioned to approve the July Board agenda with the following addition: Draft SWCD Policy Handbook. David Bachand seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

19-07-04 Kevin Reich motioned to approve the June 10th board meeting minutes. Linda Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

19-07-05 In June, there were $31,698.68 total payments and $42.17 total deposits, leaving a cash checking balance of $714,045.04. Linda Mickelson motioned to approve the June Treasurer’s Report. Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

19-07-06 **Board Member Reports:**
There were no board member reports.

19-07-07 **Waldo’s Report:**

2016 & 2017 MDM Grants:
There were 11 additional side water inlet structures identified on JCD 60. Both Zach and Bob will be working on these designs. Erik Hove, Highway Engineer is willing to review these designs and sign off on them.

**District:**
Attended the Manager’s meeting on June 13th in TRF.  
Attended the Area 1 meeting in Crookston on June 18th.
Attended the Red Lake River 1W1P Policy Committee meeting on June 19th.
Attended the RRVCSA meeting in Mahnomen on June 25th.

The District purchased a 30” x 50” Plat Map for the office. We also purchased three 2019 Plat Books. After these items were purchased, we received a phone call...because of our purchase we will be receiving ad space in the 2020 Plat Books and they provided our three plat books to us complimentary. The SWCD will be receiving a $183.00 credit.

Tanya has been preparing for the 2018 District Audit which is scheduled for July 10th. Peterson Company has received all of the requested information.

Soil Health Field Day:
Been working with Trinity Creek Ranch on planning the Soil Health Field Day on July 30th. Attended a couple of planning conference calls. The District will mainly be responsible for publicizing the event and purchasing supplies for the morning and afternoon breaks. The District plans to set up a booth at the event as well.

WCA:
Worked on a couple of potential WCA violations. The sites were not violations but the landowner was informed about the WCA Rules and Regulations.

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. Tanya has been working with John Beckwith from MARC&D to see if this could be extended an additional 6 months because of the late spring.

Red Lake River 1W1P:
Attended the Red Lake River 1W1P Planning Work Group meeting on June 10th.

Reviewed the Draft 319 Workplan for the Red Lake River 1W1P.

2020 Clean Water Fund Projects:
Tanya has started working on a Clean Water Fund Grant Application for 2020. There are nine projects that have been identified.

FEMA Floodplain Maps:
There were two FEMA Floodplain Map meetings held in Red Lake Falls on June 11th. The first meeting was for federal, state, and local agencies. The evening meeting was for the public.

Rain Barrel Projects:
We received a $800.00 grant from MN Groundwater Association to assist with the Rain Barrel Activity we have scheduled for August 8th. A newspaper article has been
published in the newspapers to promote the project. A maximum of 8 attendees will be able to attend the first annual “Paint Your Own Rain Barrel” Activity in Red Lake County. The Red Lake County SWCD will be providing all of the equipment/supplies.

**Fishing Line Recycling Projects:**
Bob is currently working on the Fishing Line Recycling project. The equipment will be placed at Huot Park, Oklee Park, and Sportsman Park for the public’s use.

**Grant Opportunities:**
Submitted three grant applications for consideration:
1. MN Groundwater Association Foundation - $1,000 – Rain barrel Project - received
2. We Are Water - $10,000.00 – Rain Barrel Project and Water Education – not funded
3. Soil Health Field Day Scholarship - $500.00 – Trinity Creek Ranch - received

**Upcoming Meetings:**
July 10, 2019 - Red Lake River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting – TRF
July 15, 2019 – County Programs Team Meeting – Web ex
July 25, 2019 – Habitat Pollinator Training – Bagley
July 30, 2019 – Soil Health Field Day – Trinity Creek Ranch

**19-07-08 Bohland’s Report**

WCA:
Investigated 2 wetlands complaints called in
Did onsite wetlands visit with CO Hutchins of the DNR
Collected date for possible WCA violation

Buffer Program:
Checked on some alternative practices in Browns Creek and Louisville Townships for compliance
Updated Buffcat and GIS for compliance
Talked with landowners regarding questions pertaining to the Buffer Law
Started sending out the first round of Notifications of Noncompliance through the county

District Capacity:
Assembled fishing line recycling stations
Completed surveying JCD-60 for SWIs to be installed
Finished the hydrology designs for JCD-60
Received approval for Red Lake Falls and Oklee to install fishing line stations
Continued working with NRCS to become JAA certified on SWIs
Attended Soil Health training in Detroit Lakes

**19-07-09 Simonson’s Report**
Joyce has been working on the MN Geological Well Atlas Project for Red Lake County.

On June 24th, Joyce measured the observation wells and entered the data into the state online database.

Joyce continues to enter rainfall precipitation amounts and report to the State Climatology Office.

Joyce has been packaging individual packets of Habitat Pollinator seeds.

Joyce has been working on painting a rain barrel as an example for our 1st Annual "Paint Your Own Rain Barrel" activity day, which is scheduled for August 8th from 1:00-4:00.

19-07-10 NRCS Report
There was no report.

19-06-11 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 informed the board that the Cover Crop Incentive Program has been put on the SWCD website. A newspaper article was put in the two county newspaper’s a couple of weeks promoting the new program. There were four landowners who came in and showed some interest but have not signed a contract yet. Tanya plans to submit another newspaper article to promote the new program.

Bob is working on constructing the new Fishing Line Recycling Tubes. Once they are finished, he will be putting one at Huot Park, one at Oklee Park, and one at Sportsman’s Park.

Discussion was held on the Habitat Pollinator Program. Bob will be working with the Golf Course and the City Parks to get some plots seeded. Joyce is packing individual packets.

Tanya provided a brief 2019 Construction Project update. Tanya informed the board that the JCD 66 Multi-purpose Drainage Management Project has been completed. Tanya informed the board there are eleven additional SWI sites identified along JCD 60. The sites have been surveyed.

The “Paint Your Own Rain Barrel” activity has been promoted in the newspapers. The activity day will be held on August 8th here at the SWCD garage.
There are three individuals from Red Lake County that will be attending the Soil Health Tour.

Tanya informed the board that Red Lake County SWCD received a $500.00 scholarship for the Soil Health Field Day, a $800.00 grant for the Rain Barrel activity, but did not received the grant from “We are Waters”.

19-07-12 **New Business:**
Tanya informed the board that there was one resolution that was presented and approved at the Area 1 meeting. “Increased RIM easement options for land currently enrolled in CRP” was the resolution.

19-07-13 Discussion was held on the Abandoned Well Sealing Contract for Roger Hinrichs. The District received two cost bid estimates: 475.00 from Davidson Well Drilling and $500.00 from Larry Roisland Well and Pump. David Bachand **motioned to accept the bid from Davidson Well Drilling in the amount of $475.00; the SWCD will provide 75% cost-share assistance at a rate of $356.25.** Linda Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion **passed.** Affirmative votes: David Miller, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

19-07-14 Discussion was held on the PERA Rate Increase Aid. Tanya informed the board that the SWCD will not be receiving the PERA Rate Increase Aid from the state in 2020. The annual amount of the aid was $500.00.

19-07-15 Tanya informed the board that she started to work on a 2020 Clean Water Fund “Project & Practices” grant for the Lower Clearwater subwatershed. There have been nine projects identified.

19-07-16 David Bachand **motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 am.** Linda Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion **passed.** Affirmative votes: David Miller, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Mickelson, Secretary   Date approved
Red Lake County SWCD