19-08-01 David Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 8:00 A.M., at the MN Wheat Growers Building in Red Lake Falls.

19-08-02 Red Lake County SWCD Board Members and Staff Present:

David Miller, Chairman
Mark LaCrosse, Vice-Chairman
Linda Mickelson, Secretary
David Bachand, Treasurer
Kevin Reich, Reporter

Also, Present:
Allen Remick, Red Lake County Commissioner
Luther Newton, NRCS District Conservationist

19-08-03 Linda Mickelson motioned to approve the August Board agenda with the following addition: MCIT Dividend, Draft SWCD Policy Handbook, and Sick Leave Transfer. David Bachand seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

19-08-04 David Bachand motioned to approve the July 8th board meeting minutes. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

19-08-05 In July, there were $22,096.50 total payments and $16,360.03 total deposits, leaving a cash checking balance of $708,308.57. Linda Mickelson motioned to approve the July Treasurer’s Report. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

19-08-06 Board Member Reports:
Mark LaCrosse gave a brief update of the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee meeting he attended on July 10, 2019.

19-08-07 Waldo’s Report:

Feedlot Program:
Attended a MACFO 2020-2021 Delegation Agreement Web-ex on July 8th
Tanya attended a County Programs Team Web-ex on July 15th.
There was a second CPT web-ex held on July 23rd.

District:
Completed 5 BWSR Grant Agreement Amendments: The following grants have been extended for one year: 2016 BWSR Clean Water Fund – Project and Practices, 2016 MDM JCD 60 Grant, 2017 MDM JCD 66 Grant, 2017 State Cost-Share, and 2018 Buffer Cost-Share Assistance.

Continued to update the SWCD Operational Handbook.
The SWCD Audit was held on July 9th.
Began working on a Clean Water Fund Grant Application for the Lower Clearwater River Subwatershed. Tanya met with Matt Fischer, BWSR and Corey Hanson, RLWD on July 31st to review the DRAFT 2020 BWSR CWF Grant Application – they both made comments to the DRAFT Application.
Submitted two engineering requests to the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Technicians for M. Seeger and R. Myrhe.

Water Plan:
Abandoned Well Sealing – M. Tiedemann
Tanya attended the Red Lake River 1W1P Policy Committee meeting on July 10th.

Shoreland Program:
Conducted a Shoreland Site visit with Kurt Casavan.

Soil Health Field Day:
Attended several Soil Health Field Day conference calls, preparations for the Soil Health Field Day, and assisted at the Soil Health Field Day. Transported the rainfall simulator back and forth. There were over 70 in attendance.

“Paint Your Own Rain Barrel” Activity:
There were 8 in attendance for our first annual “Paint Your Own Rain Barrel” activity on August 8th. There is a total of 20+ that have signed up so we are planning to hold a second day hopefully sometime in the next two weeks.

2016 JCD 60 – MDM Project:
The SWCD staff is continuing to work with Kurt Casavan, Ditch Authority in identifying project sites along JCD 60.

Upcoming Meetings:
August 15th - MACFO Board Meeting – St. Cloud
August 20th - State Envirothon Meeting – St. Cloud
August 26th-30th - VACATION!!
Followed up with wetlands complaints with landowners, BWSR, and NRCS
Continued collecting data for one of the WCA complaints
Worked with the Red Lake Watershed District on tiling permits

Buffer Program:
Began forwarding Notifications of Noncompliance (NONs) to Red Lake County and BWSR
Updated Buffcat and GIS for compliance
Talked with landowners regarding questions pertaining to the Buffer Law

District Capacity:
Assembled rain barrels for the painting event
Continued surveying JCD-60 for SWIs to be installed
Worked with Zach Foley on designing SWIs for JCD-60
Attended Pollinator Habitat Training Course
Attended NRCS Conservation Planning Course
Spoke with several landowners about the cover crop incentive program

19-08-09  Simonson’s Report
There was no report.

19-08-10  NRCS Report
Luther provided the board with an update to the NRCS programs.

19-08-11  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 there has not been any additional work completed on any of the new programs.

Tanya provided a brief 2019 Construction Project update. Tanya informed the board that the JCD 66 Multi-purpose Drainage Management Project have been completed. Tanya informed the board that there has been no additional work completed on JCD 60.

The “Paint Your Own Rain Barrel” activity was held on August 8th in the SWCD garage. There were 8 in attendance. Tanya showed the board members photos from the activity day. There are another 13 individual who are interested in the Rain Barrel Activity. Plans are to hold at least one more “Paint Your Own Rain Barrel” activity day this year.
Discussion was held on the 2019 Trinity Creek Ranch Soil Health Field Day. There were about 80 individuals in attendance throughout the day.

19-08-12  New Business:
Tanya informed the board that she has started planning the 2019 NW MN Water Festival. The two-day event will be held on September 24th (Warren) and September 25th (Fertile).

19-08-13 Discussion was held on the 2019 Governance 101 Conference which has been scheduled for September 12th and 13th in Bloomington, MN. Tanya informed the board members that if anyone was interested in attending, they would need to let her know so she could get them lodging and complete the registration form.

19-08-14 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 at least ten projects identified. Tanya met with Matt Fischer, BWSR Board Conservationist and Corey Hanson, Red Lake Watershed District Water Quality Coordinator and went over the application. Both individuals made comments to the application which was very helpful and appreciated.

19-08-15 Discussion was held on the 2019 MCIT Dividend. Tanya informed the board that Red Lake County SWCD will be receiving a dividend check in the amount of $527.00 from MCIT.

19-08-16 Discussion was held on the SWCD Operational Handbook. The board decided to table the SWCD Operational Handbook till the September Board meeting.

19-08-17 Discussion was held on transferring sick leave from Waldo to Simonson. David Bachand motioned that up to 40 hours could be transferred of Sick Leave from Waldo to Simonson if needed. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

19-08-18 David Bachand motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 am. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion passed. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Linda Mickelson, David Bachand, and Kevin Reich.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Mickelson, Secretary  Date approved
Red Lake County SWCD