

Warroad Watershed District

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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Managers Warroad Watershed District

Warroad, MN

August 25, 2022

Call to Order

Attendance

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Managers present were Bill Thompson, Joe Olafson and Keith Landin. Additional attendees were Scott Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Ericka Halstensgard (HEI) and Jenee Provance (WWD administrative assistant).

Agenda

The agenda was approved on a motion by Olafson, a second by Landin and a unanimous vote of the board.

Budget Hearing

Landin made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Olafson and a unanimous vote of the board. Olafson made a motion to open the budget hearing, seconded by Landin and passed with a unanimous vote of the board. The 2023 budget was presented. Olafson made a motion to approve the budget for 2023, seconded by Landin and passed by a unanimous vote of the board. Landin made a motion to adjourn the hearing, seconded by Olafson and passed with a unanimous vote of the board.

Meeting Minutes

Olafson made a motion to approve the July 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Landin and passed with a unanimous vote of the board.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance as June 30, 2022 is \$112,436.08 . Plus the \$10,000.00 CD. We have a bill from Houston Engineering for Peatland Storage \$674.00. Olafson made a motion to pay the HEI invoice, seconded by Landin and passed with a unanimous vote of the board. Olafson Landin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Olafson and passed with a unanimous vote of the board.

Visitor(s)/Public Comment

Acting Commissioner, Scott Johnson, inquired if the WWD was doing anything in assisting Lake Township i.e. Springsteel Island. It was stated that if the organization can be of help, Lake Township only has to reach out to the WWD.

Special Report

None.

Old Business

WRWD Representation at the Implementation Committee (IC) Meetings

There was not meeting held

Houston Engineering

Warroad River Clean Water Grant Sites - bank stabilization

Projects are slated to begin the week after Labor Day. Scott Thompson has reached out to the WWD regarding erosion in his yard. After some discussion, it was determined to get the project added to this year's slate would be next to impossible. It will be added to next year's list. Other potential sites are Bob Laznicka, Tim Paquin and David Olson. Olafson agreed to contact Laznicka and Paquin; Landin will visit with Olson.

Peatland Storage Project

Ericka shared a draft letter from the DNR. There was concern expressed from the WWD that the goal seems to have skewed from where it was originally intended. The initial goal was to slow the water down with wiers or sluice gates. Ericka will relay this information to the DNR, share the WWD reasoning with Brent Mason, and, hopefully get a response from them by our next meeting. She will also contact Mike Hirst to determine how the WWD can best utilize the monies that need to be used this fiscal year.

WRWD Strategic Planning

Administrative support

Jenee shared a letter from MCIT with proposed increases to our insurance premium which will be due January 1. Landin informed the board that Jenee will spearhead the audit with Czech, Wilson and Wilmer. Landin reported he letter safe for the CD and other important items should be here within the week.

Conservation Corps – River Clean-Up

Landin contacted the conservation corp and requested a schedule of upcoming projects. In a “normal” year, the clean-up would be completed in August.

Beaver Dams

None

Permits

None

LOWWD-Joint Powers Board

A special meeting was held to discuss the cover crop liaison between area farmers and BWSR. Lake of the Woods Soil and Water signed a contract with Sustainable Farming Association and the meeting was necessary to determine if the Joint Powers Board felt it was in the best interest of the farmers in our area to honor the contract with SFA or procure a local liaison. After presentations by both parties, it was decided to affirm the contract signed with SFA.

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We have not heard back from Scott Johnson, SWCD regarding his conversation with Matt Cole.

New Business

Next Meeting


The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am on a **motion** by Olafson **second** by Landin and passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.



Watershed Secretary



Date