



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District
505 3rd St N, Ste A
Virginia MN 55792

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

Supervisors Present at Roll Call: Chuck Bainter, Peggy Pearson, Mark Peterson and Gary Rantala
Staff Present: Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; Lauren Soergel, Forester; and Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist

Others Present: Erin Loeffler, MN Board of Water & Soil Resources; and Allison Praet, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair, Peggy Pearson.

1. Agenda - Moved by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

2. Minutes of May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting – Moved by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the minutes as written.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

Frank Modich joined the meeting.

3. Financial Reports & Program Summary for April – Moved by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the financial report and program summary.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Moved by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to approve the accounts payable and accounts receivable removing the 4imprint check as that was a credit card charge, changing the Range Coop amount to \$985.34 and adding an invoice to Schumacher's for \$7,854.90.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

5. Guest Introductions and Comments – None

NEW BUSINESS

6. AIS Resort Contracts & Payments – Moved by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve the Participation Agreements retroactive to May 1st and approve payments for work completed through June 3.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

7. COVID-19 Impacts Update, if any - Anita indicated the Governor's May 28 changes related to the pandemic require the District to update its preparedness plan before making any changes. There has not been time to look into this fully.
8. Data Access Policy for Data Subjects – annual update – Moved by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to approve the updated policy.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

9. Data Access Policy for the Public – annual update – Moved by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to approve the updated policy.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

10. Financial Review thru March – Anita reviewed the Balance Sheet thru 3/31/21 and the Profit & Loss for Jan-Mar 2020 vs 2021.
11. MASWCD Resolutions Adopted at Area 3 Meeting – Supervisors reviewed the forestry resolution presented by Aitkin SWCD. No action was taken.
12. Personal e-mail for SWCD business – Moved by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to open Gmail accounts for each board supervisor to use for SWCD business.
13. Upcoming Supervisor Meetings and/or Trainings
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – today – The sound for this video could not be heard on zoom. Therefore, the training was postponed.
 - Area 3 Meeting – June 3 – Gary Rantala and Anita Provinzino will attend the Area 3 Resolutions meeting, virtually.
 - St. Louis River 1W1P Policy Committee – June 24 meeting postponed until July
 - Technical Service Area 3 – June 23
 - Other – MN Association of RC&D conference will be held in Carlton on August 5 & 6

REPORTS

14. District Administrator Report – See report on file
15. Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator Report – See report on file.
16. Community Conservationist Report – See report on file
17. District Forester Report– See report on file
- Tree Sale Report – see report on file

- 18. Resource Conservationist Report– See report on file
- 19. NRCS District Conservationist Report- Allison reported other area NRCS teams will help with this area’s workload to facilitate applications and funding. It is possible they may also hire a soil conservation technician in the Duluth office.
- 20. Supervisor & Committee Reports
 - a. Area 3 Resolutions Meeting – June 3 – Gary Rantala and Anita Provinzino attended electronically. Gary had technology issues so he was unable to vote on the resolution. Anita is not a voting member.
 - b. Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development – May 24 – Chuck attended. Information was previously emailed.
 - c. Local Work Group Meeting – May 12 – The local work group meeting was held and priorities were selected.
 - d. St. Louis River 1W1P Policy Committee – May 27 – Chuck reported that the grant is 23% spent, they have identified priority areas and watersheds. Cloquet, Sand and Swan River watersheds are some in our area. Work continues toward a full plan.
 - e. SWCD Forestry Association – May 20 – Mark attended the meeting where Dennis Thompson, Aitkin County Land Department presented on white-tailed deer management. He is a member of the DNR Deer Management Plan Planning Committee.

CLOSING

- 21. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
- 22. Adjourn – Moved by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried



 Mark Peterson, Secretary

8/17/21

 Date