

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

Special Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2021

**The meeting was held in person at the St. Louis County Public Works Building in Virginia and via Zoom.**

**Supervisors Present at Roll Call:** Chuck Bainter, Peggy Pearson, Mark Peterson and Gary Rantala were present in-person.

**Staff Present:** Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; Natalya Walker, AIS Program Coordinator; and Lauren Soergel, Forester were present in-person. Zach Evans, Regional Farm Bill Forester; Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist; and Becca Reiss, Community Conservationist all joined via Zoom.

**Others Present:** Kelli Saunders, Lake of the Woods Watershed Sustainability Foundation and Allison Praet, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service each joined via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Chair, Peggy Pearson.

1. Agenda - Moved by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. Minutes of October 20, 2021 Special Meeting – Moved by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried
3. Financial Reports & Program Summary – Moved by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the financial report and program summary. Motion carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Moved by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve the accounts payable and accounts receivable with the addition of a bill from Koochiching County Environmental Services for \$11,120.35. Motion carried
5. Guest Introductions and Comments
  - a. Kelli Saunders, Lake of the Woods Watershed Sustainability Foundation presented on the results of the landowner survey conducted in 2020. Becca assisted in the Little Fork River Watershed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

6. BWSR FY22 Local Capacity and Buffer Grants & Board Resolution 2021-10 - Moved by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve Board Resolution 2021-10. Motion carried.
7. COVID-19 Impacts Update, if any –
  - a. No new information
8. Financial Review - Anita presented the financial statement review for YTD 2021 versus 2020, the 2021 budget compared to actual income and expenses and the proposed 2021 budget revision.
  - a. YTD 2021 vs 2020
  - b. Budget to Actual
  - c. Budget Revision – Moved by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the 2021 budget revision as proposed. Motion carried
9. Cost Share Contracts with Landowners
  - a. Mike Wiskow et. al – Moved by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to accept the cancellation of cost share contract FY19-03 at the request of Mike Wiskow. Motion carried
  - b. Andrew Slade
  - c. Mark Swan et. al
  - d. Brad Lange

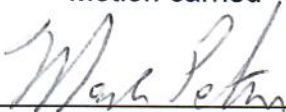
- i. Moved by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve cost share contracts with Andrew Slade et. al and Mark Swan et. al each for up to the maximum amount of \$9807.56 not to exceed the percentage indicated in the contracts and to not fund the contract with Brad Lange. This allocates the remaining funds in the FY 20, 21, and 22 State Cost Share grants. Motion carried.
- 10. Forester Position – Approval to Hire – Moved by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve transferring Natalya Walker to the position of Forester. Motion carried.
- 11. Upcoming Supervisor Meetings and/or Trainings
  - a. Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development – November 22
  - b. MASWCD Annual Convention - MSP – Dec 12-14
  - c. SWCD Forestry Association – November 18
  - d. Other - None

### REPORTS

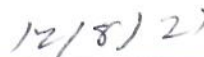
- 12. District Administrator Report – See report on file
- 13. Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator Report – See report on file
  - a. AIS Program Review 2021 – Natalya presented a review of the AIS program in 2021. See report on file
- 14. Community Conservationist Report – See report on file
- 15. District Forester Report – See report on file
- 16. Regional Farm Bill Forester – See report on file
- 17. Resource Conservationist Report – See report on file
- 18. NRCS District Conservationist Report- Allison Praet indicated NRCS staff have been organizing and training. The deadline for EQIP is November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 19. Supervisor & Committee Reports
  - a. None this month

### CLOSING

- 20. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting was set for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Location to be announced.
- 21. Adjourn – Moved by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m. Motion carried

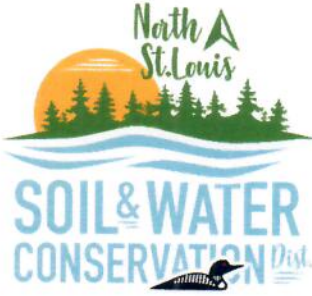


Mark Peterson, Secretary



December 8, 2021





**Resolution 2021-10**

**North St. Louis  
Soil and Water Conservation District**  
505 3<sup>rd</sup> St N, Ste A  
Virginia MN 55792  
(218) 749-2000  
[www.nslswcd.org](http://www.nslswcd.org)

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) authorized a grant agreement for the following grants and grant amounts:

FY22 Local Capacity	\$159,018
FY22 Buffer Law	<u>\$2,500</u>

**AND WHEREAS**, this funding supports the Districts each of its three goals 1) Provide Services, 2) Spread the Message and 3) Strengthen our Capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, these grants will provide funding critical to the District's ongoing operations and ensure buffer law compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the North St Louis Soil & Water Conservation District Board desires to accept this funding to continue conservation practices and delivery in northern St. Louis County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North St Louis Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors authorizes the District Administrator or Board Chair to secure the above grants and sign all documents related to such funding.

Motion Made by: *Bainter*  
Seconded by: *Rantala*

Affirmative: *Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala*

Opposed: *none*

*Motion Carried*

*Certification of Recording Officer*

*I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the North St Louis SWCD Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.*

Mark Peterson, Board Secretary

*11/10/21*

November 10, 2021