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MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT March 28, 2024

- I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by Chair Darwyn Bach at 9:00 AM
Those present:
Delon Clarksean – Chair
Tom Remmele – Vice-Chair
Darwyn Bach – Treasurer
Jerry Nelson – Secretary
Tyler Knutson - Director
Brayden Anderson – Senior Conservation Technician
Anita Borg – Office Administrator
Mitch Kling – CO Commissioner
Jeff Berens – NRCS DC
- II. Meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reading of the Mission statement.
- III. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve the agenda. Affirmative: 4.
Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- IV. Minutes of the last meeting dated February 22, 2024 stood approved as read.
- V. Payments and treasurers report for month of March, 2024 stood approved subject to audit.
- VI. APPROVALS:
There were no contracts or payments for approval.
- VII. REPORTS:
 - a. STAFF REPORTS:
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, ANITA BORG, updated the Board on AIS promotional item; reported approval of the Soil Health staffing grant application which had been submitted as a collaborative effort with 9 other SWCDs. She reminded the Board the Annual Report was in their packets for review. She gave the Board info on money market savings vs. a traditional savings account.

SWCD MONEY MARKET SAVINGS. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Tom Remmele to convert existing traditional savings account funds to money market savings. Affirmative: 4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

SENIOR CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN BRAYDEN ANDERSON informed the Board of two contract approvals for projects being funded by Watershed cost share funds and technically overseen by the SWCD: in Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed, Loran Haas 2 WASCObS Florida Creek Priority \$19,500.00; in Yellow Medicine Watershed, Brad Pederson Dam Sediment Clean Out YM Mud Creek Priority \$47,979.84. Anderson updated the Board on the recently attended Township Association and County Weed Meeting. Updates were also provided on CREP; PF grant funding; WCA; tree program; and Watershed policy meetings.

HIGHWAY 75 TOUR. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve District encumbering of the remaining balance needed for our stop on the HWY 75 Soil Health Tour while seeking funding to support this balance. Affirmative: 4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR TYLER KNUTSON informed the Board of a new hire for the Conservation Technician Apprentice position.
 - b. PARTNER REPORT:
JEFF BEHRENS, NRCS DC provided updates to the Board on NRCS related programs.
 - c. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
No meetings to report. Board held some discussion regarding Watershed-based funded projects and tracking.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the April 5, 2024 work session.
 - b. The Board continues to seek candidates for SWCD Supervisor District 3.



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- c. Board discussion took place regarding standardized modelling.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. The Board discussed possible replacement of vehicles. The District will explore options.
 - b. **2024 MN LAKES AND RIVERS AIS PROGRAM PROPOSAL BY LEIGHTON.** Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve sponsorship of the 2024 MN Lakes and Rivers AIS campaign at a gold sponsorship of \$3,000. Affirmative: 4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
 - c. Discussion took place regarding the funding of the Shawn Vernlund Fortier 19 Project. Further discussion tabled till next meeting.
 - d. The Board was presented with an inquiry from ESE for SWCD to pay difference on automatic control drainage structures. No action was taken.
 - e. **APPROVE CONTRIBUTION FOR 2024 ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR.** Motion by Tom Remmele, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to approve a contribution of \$2,000 for the 2024 Environmental Fair. Affirmative: 4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- X. Next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 25, 2024 at 9 AM.
- XI. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 11:45 AM.

APPROVED:

DATE:

4-29-22

Yellow Medicine County SWCD Monthly Treasurers Report

Use of Cash	February 23			March 28
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
District Checking	\$ 351,830.33	\$ 51,818.77	\$ 85,171.13	\$ 318,477.97
Savings Accounts	\$ 309,308.98			\$ 309,308.98
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 261,962.35	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 311,962.35
TOTALS	\$ 923,101.66	\$ 101,818.77	\$ 85,171.13	\$ 939,749.30

RECEIPTS:

Received from:	For:	Amount:
	tree deposits	\$ 19,060.17
F&M Bank	interest	\$ 56.10
Yellow Medicine CO	AIS allocation 2nd 1/2 2023	\$ 21,252.50
ST of MN - BWSR	Easement Delivery MJPA	\$ 11,450.00

DISBURSEMENTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

CK#	Payable to:	For:	Amount:
DD, EFTPS, CK #13209	payroll & liabilities	2/23/2024	\$ 9,430.30
	payroll & liabilities	3/8/2024	\$ 9,135.57
transfer F&M Bank	CD - new	2/23/2024	\$ 20,000.00
transfer F&M Bank	CD - new	2/23/2024	\$ 30,000.00
13210 AT&T	hotspots		\$ 88.01
13211 Yellow Medicine County EFTPS, CK#13212	health, dental, life payroll & liabilities	3/22/2024	\$ 2,109.24 \$ 9,430.30
13213 Yellow Medicine County	Office 365		\$ 71.66
13214 Holmstrom & Kvam	title work		\$ 1,708.00
13215 Becker SWCD	education & outreach	Linder AIS outreach	\$ 400.00
13216 Consumers Coop	fuel & maintenance		\$ 111.25
13217 Western Printing	education & outreach	AIS fishing license holders	\$ 1,900.00
13218 Western Fest	education & outreach	AIS promo	\$ 400.00
13219 Tyler Knutson	employee expense		\$ 281.97
13220 Brayden Anderson	employee expense		\$ 70.88
13221 Anita Borg	employee expense		\$ 33.95
13222-13223	VOID	printing error	\$ -



 Treasurer

3-28-24
 Date