



Minutes from the October 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chair John Tollgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Members Present:**

John Tollgaard  
Al Moline  
Paul Fish

**Others Present:**

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff  
Allison Praet NRCS  
Jim Kruse

**Members Absent:** Debra Taylor

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of Minutes The Board reviewed Minutes from the August Meeting. Motion by Moline, seconded by Taylor to approve the Minutes.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Reports

**Financial Reports** The Board reviewed the financial reports. Total fund balance as of September 30, 2024 was \$1,305,861.46. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the Financial Report.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

**Treasurer's Report** Moline reported he went through material prior to the meeting and reported everything checked out, except two vouchers could not be found. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to table the Treasurer's Report.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

**District 2 Supervisor Vacancy** Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to appoint Jim Kruse District 2 Supervisor. He will be sworn in at the November meeting.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

**MASWCD Annual Convention** Tollgaard, Fish, and Kruse will attend the convention.

District Conservationist's Report Praet provided a writing and verbal report.

MASWCD Resolutions Votes will be completed individually and submitted to MASWCD.

Resolution to Support Nomination of the Amity Ridge Natural Area to the Duluth Natural Areas Program

Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve the resolution (attached).

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Cost-share & Project Approvals

**Ian Erickson Payment - \$6,467.73** Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to payment of \$6,467.73.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

**Ryan Lepak – \$476.51** Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to payment of \$476.51.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Grant Agreements

**BWSR FY23 Soil Health Extension** Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve a grant extension to December 31, 2025

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

**BWSR 2025 - Lake Superior Basin Implementation \$190,000** Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the grant agreement for \$190,000.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Committee and Board Membership Reports

**Area III SWCD Technical Service Area** Met last month. There will be an engineering technician opening in early 2025.

**SWCD Forestry Association** DNR spoke about potential climate impacts to forests.

**Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development** Meets next month. The State meeting is on Friday.

**MASWCD Northeast Area 3** No report

**St. Louis River Watershed** No report.

Supervisor Reports None

Supervisor Expenses Tollgaard reviewed expense reports with the Board. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the reports.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.