



Minutes from the December 18, 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
Debra Taylor
Jim Kruse

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff
Tim Beaster, SWCD Staff
Kyle Hildebrandt, SWCD Staff
Andy Kasun, SWCD Staff
Melanie Bomier, BWSR
Jake Janski, Mille Lacs SWCD/Area 3 Director

Oath of Office District 2 Supervisor The Oath of Office was administered to Jim Kruse.

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. City of Hermantown payment will be added under Cost-share & Project Approvals. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the agenda.

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

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

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

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports. Total fund balance as of November 30, 2024 was \$1,086,976.08. Motion by Fish, seconded by Kruse to approve the Financial Report.

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

Treasurer's Report Moline reported he went through material prior to the meeting and reported everything balanced. Motion by Kruse, seconded by Fish to approve the Treasurer's Report.

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

Project Presentations SWCD staff gave presentations on projects from 2024 and things planned for next year.

District Conservationist's Report A writing report was emailed.

Cost-share & Project Approvals

Salminen – St. Louis River Forest Stewardship Motion by Fish, seconded by Kruse to approve cost-share funding for forest stewardship planning for \$470.

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

City of Hermantown stormwater planting Motion by Taylor, seconded by Moline to approve payment of \$6,200.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Grant Agreements None

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area Meets in January.

SWCD Forestry Association Met last month. Beaver pond leveling and invasive plants were discussed.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Met last month, and carbon capture tree planting and fire prevention was discussed.

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 Janeski discussed the need for volunteers for MASWCD Committees. The Resolution Meeting will be held June 6th, and the Fall Meeting will be September 8th in Kanabec.

St. Louis River Watershed No report.

Supervisor Reports

Fish, Kruse, and Tollgaard attended the MASWCD Annual Convention.

Taylor attended a MASWCD Legislative Committee Meeting. She will not be on the Committee next year.

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

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.