



Minutes from the January 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Tollgaard called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Introductions were made.

Members Present:

Tom Fasteland, Aitkin SWCD
Beth Hippert, Lake SWCD
Andre Lasalle, Mille Lacs SWCD
Norma Heggernes, Kanabec SWCD
John Tollgaard, South St. Louis SWCD
Bob Fox, Carlton SWCD
Chuck Bainter, North St. Louis SWCD

Others Present:

Matias Valero, TSA Staff
R.C. Boheim, South St. Louis SWCD
Ilena Hansel, Cook SWCD
Jaren Peplinski, Kanabec SWCD
Janet Smude, Aitkin SWCD
Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD
Paul Vartmann, TSA Staff
Melanie Bomier, BWSR

Elections of officers

Tollgaard requested nominations from the floor.

Fasteland nominated Tollgaard for Chair. No other nominations.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Fox nominated Fasteland for Vice-Chair. No other nominations.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Fasteland nominated Bob Fox for Treasurer/Secretary. No other nominations.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Appointment of committee members

Personnel is the only standing committee. Motion by Fox, seconded by Bainter that Fasteland, Hippert, and Tollgaard serve on the Personnel Committee.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Designation of financial institutions

Motion by Hippert, seconded by Heggernes to designate Centricity Credit Union and North Shore Bank as TSA #3 financial institutions for 2025.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Bob Fox wants to discuss the Michaelson Project in Carlton. That will be added to the agenda under Project Reports. Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Hippert to approve the agenda as amended.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None **Motion Carried**

Approval of minutes The Board considered Minutes from the September Meeting. Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Hippert to approve the minutes.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Report

Financial Report Boheim reviewed the financial report. Current total assets as of January 10, 2025 were \$651,232.45 Motion by Fox, seconded by Fasteland to accept the financial report.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Engineering Technician Vacancy Motion by Bainter, seconded by Hippert to approve filling the Engineering Technician position that can be located in Aitkin or Duluth with a salary range of \$48,000 - \$58,000.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

TSA Purchases None

Treasurer's Report Fox report he went through everything yesterday and it lines up. Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Hippert to approve the report.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Project / Technical Assistance Reports Valero gave a project presentation. Bob Fox discussed the need to revisit the Michaelson Project in Carlton. Valero will work with Carlton staff.

Meeting SWCD Technical Needs Boheim reported that things are going well in South St. Louis.

Other Business

Jaren Peplinski told everyone Pine SWCD has a meeting conflict with the TSA Board Meeting with the Kettle River Watershed meetings.

Next meeting is on March 26, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Adjourn Motion by Fasteland to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Lasalle, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.