



MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Virtual Meeting Held on Zoom

Attendance:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Supervisors</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Anoka CD	Glenda Meixell	Chris Lord
Carver SWCD	Mark Zabel Marcus Zbinden	
Chisago SWCD	Roland Cleveland	Craig Mell
Dakota SWCD	Chelsea Skog Laura Zanmiller	Brian Watson
Hennepin County		
Isanti SWCD	David Medvecky	Tiffany Determan
Ramsey County		Ann WhiteEagle & Sheena Denny
Scott SWCD	Doug Schoenecker	Troy Kuphal & Shelly Tietz
Sherburne SWCD	Shelly Binsfeld	Francine Larson
Washington CD	John Rheinberger	Jay Riggs
Wright SWCD		

1. Call to Order

Mark Zabel called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. A quorum was present.

2. Open Floor

None

3. Election of Officers

Kuphal opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Kuphal called for nominations for the Office of Chair. Rheinberger nominated Zanmiller for Chair. Kuphal called for further nominations. Zabel nominated Cleveland for Chair. Cleveland nominated Zabel for Chair. Kuphal called for nominations a third and final time. Rheinberger nominated Meixell; Meixell declined.

Laura Zanmiller entered the meeting at 3:15. Zanmiller declined her nomination; Rheinberger withdrew the nomination. Kuphal closed nominations and called for a vote using the interactive chat feature. Kuphal tallied the votes and declared Mark Zabel Chair having received majority vote.

Chair Zabel called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Cleveland nominated Zbinden for Vice-Chair. Chair Zabel called three times for further nominations. Cleveland nominated Binsfeld for Vice-Chair. Zabel called three times for further nominations. A private vote was completed. Discussion on whether two executive positions could be held by representatives from the same district. The By-laws were consulted and do not address this. Zbinden was voted as Vice-Chair but subsequently resigned from the position. Zabel called for nominations three times. Chair Zabel recognized Shelly Binsfeld as the

only nominee and called for any objection to elect her as Vice-Chair by acclamation. There being no objections Shelly Binsfeld was elected Vice-chair by acclamation.

Chair Zabel called for nominations for Secretary. Rheinberger nominated Meixell for Secretary. Chair Zabel called for further nominations three times. There were no further nominations. Chair Zabel recognized Meixell as the only nominee and called for any objection to elect Meixell as Secretary by acclamation. There being no objections Glenda Meixell was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Chair Zabel called for nominations for Treasurer. Rheinberger nominated Schoenecker for Treasurer. Chair Zabel twice called for further nominations. There were no further nominations. Chair Zabel recognized Schoenecker as the only nominee and called for any objection to elect him as Treasurer by acclamation. There being no objections and Doug Schoenecker was elected by acclamation.

Zabel asked for a roll call of all attendees.

4. Approve of Agenda

Motion 21.001 Motion by Schoenecker, second by Cleveland, to approve the agenda as presented. Zabel called for unanimous consent to approve the agenda as presented. Hearing no objections, the agenda is approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of Minutes

The August 26, 2020 Board minutes as presented.

6. Treasurer's Report – Scott SWCD Reporting

6.1 Treasurer's Report – February 18, 2021

6.2 Checking Account Transaction Report

7. Bid for FY2020 Financial Audit

Accept Peterson Company, LTD, audit bid for \$2,650.

8. Official Depository Institution

Designate HomeTown Bank as the primary checking and savings account.

9. 2021 Meeting Dates

The board meeting dates presented are February 24, May 26, August 25 and November 17.

Motion 21.002 Motion by Rheinberger, second by Meixell, to approve the consent agenda items. Zabel called for unanimous consent to approve the consent agenda. Zabel asked if any objections to the consent agenda. Hearing none, the consent agenda was approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Program Updates

9.1 Manager’s Meeting Notes – January 27, 2021 – published – Troy Kuphal reported; Hennepin was the meeting host.

9.2 Engineering and Technical Assistance (ETA) Program - Brian Watson, Dakota reported.

10.2.1 ETA Eng./Tech, Assistance & Equipment Reports– published – no discussion

10.2.2 Grant Status Report – published – no discussion

9.3 Subwatershed Analysis (SWA) Program Report – published – Jay Riggs, Washington reported.

9.4 Campus Groundwater Conservation Planning (CGCP) Program Report – published - Chris Lord, Anoka reported.

9.5 Metro Area Children’s Water Festival (MACWF) – published - Mark Zabel reported that the Children’s Water Festival in 2020 was changed to virtual format due to COVID-19. This year’s event will also be virtual.

10. Sub-regional activities – Brian Watson, Dakota reported.

Watson discussed that currently all eleven members can participate in all current MCD program offerings. At their meeting the managers discussed whether in the future MCD could apply for sub regional grant funds that only some of the members could participate in based on the criteria such as similar landscapes for the grant. Members of the board indicated that this there is no opposition to future regional funding opportunities for the Metro Conservation District.

11. Member District Updates

Area IV meeting will be held on March 19, 2021 9:00-12:00.

Zabel indicated that at the next meeting, if at this time in the agenda, if members could highlight a program that is successful or a new initiative so that other districts could gain additional knowledge of what other districts are doing well.

Schoenecker asked if we could meet in person for the next meeting.

Members would like to meet at 3:00 for future board meetings if the meetings are virtual. Discussion held if the meeting was in person, could it be held in a park.

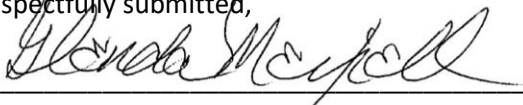
12. Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting

Contact Shelly to add any agenda items for the next board meeting.

13. Adjourn

Motion 21.003 Motion by Meixell, second by Schoenecker, to adjourn the meeting at 4:08. Zabel asked if any objections to adjourn the meeting. Hearing none, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenda Meixell, Secretary

3/16/2022

Date