



MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Virtual Meeting Held on Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Supervisors</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Anoka CD	Glenda Meixell	
Carver SWCD		
Chisago SWCD		Craig Mell
Dakota SWCD	Laura Zanmiller	Brian Watson
Hennepin County		
Isanti SWCD		
Ramsey County	Nicole Frethem	Ann Whiteeagle
Scott SWCD	Doug Schoenecker	Troy Kuphal, Shelly Tietz
Sherburne SWCD	Jason Selvog	Francine Larson
Washington CD	John Rheinberger	Jay Riggs
Wright SWCD		Luke Johnson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. A quorum was present.

2. Open Floor

No one came forward.

3. Approve of Agenda

Motion 23.008 Motion by Meixell, second by Schoenecker, to approve the agenda as presented.
 Voting Aye: Meixell, Zanmiller, Frethem, Schoenecker, Selvog, Rheinberger. Voting nay: none.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion 23.009 Motion by Schoenecker, second by Mwixell, to approve the minutes as presented.
 Voting Aye: Meixell, Zanmiller, Frethem, Schoenecker, Selvog, Rheinberger. Voting nay: none.

5. Treasurer’s Report – Scott SWCD Reporting

5.1 Treasurer’s Report – November 9, 2023

Shelly Tietz read the Treasurer’s Report with balances as of November 9, 2023.

Motion 23.010 Motion by Frethem, second by Meixell, to approve the treasurers report subject to audit. Voting Aye: Meixell, Zanmiller, Frethem, Schoenecker, Selvog, Rheinberger. Voting nay: none.

5.2 Checking Account Transaction Report

The checking account transaction report was published; no discussion.

6. **Manager's Meeting Notes for July 12, 202** - Troy Kuphal reported on the Manager Meetings since the Feb Board meeting, noting the Managers met four times to discuss special program updates, current topics of significance, receive a BWSR programs update, share member updates, and identify board agenda items and required actions. No discussion.

7. Special Programs

7.1. Engineering and Technical Assistance (ETA) Program

7.1.1. **ETA Eng./Tech, Assistance & Equipment Reports** – Brian Watson reported; no discussion.

7.1.2. **Grant Status Report** – Brian Watson reported; no discussion.

7.1.3. **FY24 and FY25 NPEAP and ESTS Grant Work Plan & Agreements**

Motion 23.011 Motion by Schoenecker, second by Frethem, to authorize and execute the FY24 and FY245 NPEAP and ESTS Grant Work Plan and Agreement. Voting Aye: Meixell, Zanmiller, Frethem, Schoenecker, Selvog, Rheinberger. Voting nay: none.

Scrivener's error
correction



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7.1.4. **CY24-25 Capital Equipment Plan**

Motion 23.012 Motion by Frethem, second by Selvog, to approve CY24-25 Capital Equipment Plan. Voting Aye: Meixell, Zanmiller, Frethem, Schoenecker, Selvog, Rheinberger. Voting nay: none.

7.2. MN Ag Water Quality Certification

7.2.1. **MDA Agreement FY2024-2025**

Kuphal reviewed the agreement published in the packet, noting in the past MDA simply amended the Joint Powers Agreement for MAWQCP support and implementation but they are requesting a new agreement be executed in order to continue providing program funding beyond 2023. HE added the previous budget balance is being carried over to the new JPA in full and the agreement is for two years.

Motion 23.013 Motion by Frethem, second by Scott, to approve the FY2024-2025 Joint Powers Agreement with MDA for MAWQCP. Voting Aye: Meixell, Zanmiller, Frethem, Schoenecker, Selvog, Rheinberger. Voting nay: none.

7.3. Metro Children's Water Festival

Whiteeagle provided an updated on the Children's Water Festival that was held on September 27, 2023.

7.3.1. **State Fair Agreement for Children's Water Festival**

Motion 23.014 Motion by Meixell, second by Zanmiller to ratify execution of 2023 Minnesota State Fair Use Agreement, as signed by Chair Rheinberger on June 12, 2023. Voting Aye: Meixell, Zanmiller, Frethem, Schoenecker, Selvog, Rheinberger. Voting nay: none.

8. Other Business

8.1. Partnership for BWSR Phase I Soil Health Grant RFP

Watson described potential partnership opportunities among MCD members using Phase 1 Soil Health funds from BWSR, noting the grant announcement is recent and Manager's have not had time to discuss opportunities in depth. This phase is for increasing staff capacity and not for projects. Discussion ensued. Schoenecker stated he would encourage and support Manager's pursuing funds if they concluded it would be beneficial.

8.2 Establishing a Future Board Meeting Method (in person/hybrid/virtual)

Discussion held on future board meeting options, with most Members indicating preference for fully virtual meetings. Kuphal stated staff will review the statutory requirements to ensure virtual meetings would be compliant with Minnesota's open meeting laws. There was consensus by the Members to hold future board meetings virtually subject to staff finding it would not violate statute.

8.3 MCD Board Legal Representation

Watson explained that at their recent meeting manager's discussed whether MCD should retain independent council to advise on legal issues concerning hosting official meetings virtually. There was no further discussion.

9. Member District Updates

None.

10. Adjourn

Rheinberger adjourned meeting subject to their being no objection. There being no objections, Rheinberger declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

 3/18/2024
Glenda Meixell, Secretary Date

