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Meeting of June 21, 2023

BWSR Conference Room-Marshall, MN

Attendance: Russell Hoogendoorn, Staff; Mike Skoglund, Staff; Shelly Lewis, Murray; Tom Muller, Cottonwood; Kay Gross, Cottonwood; Jerry Nelson, Yellow Medicine; Paul Langseth, Nobles; Dawn Madison, Contract Position; Steve Prairie, Lyon; Cal Spronk, Pipestone; Roger Hoff, Rock; Jason Beckler, BWSR.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Additions to Agenda: A motion was made by Langseth seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda with no additions. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Spronk to approve the minutes of March 29, 2023.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lewis gave an update of the budget and treasurer's report. A motion was made by Spronk seconded by Langseth to approve the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Education and Outreach efforts: A motion was made by Spronk seconded by Langseth to approve moving \$20,000.00 out of TSA Technical services and put in the Education and Outreach efforts.

Motion carried.

Contract Position Report: Madison reported on the upcoming training and tour. The Menoken Farms tour/training will be held on August 21-23, 2023. There will also be a shoreline training on September 14, 2023, in Windom.

Coordinator Report:

2021 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant

Fourth quarter reporting (October - December) has been completed.

Grant Amount - \$125,000 Used - \$82,538.48

Need to Use - \$42,461.52

Match Amount - \$31,250 Staff Time Given \$38,704.61

Staff Time Needed – Exceeded

Match

We will be reporting early in April (so Dawn can help me)!!!!!!

Explanation of Match Requirement:

Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area provides engineering services to:
Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Nobles, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock and Yellow Medicine
Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Match can be obtained by local SWCD staff that completed site inspections and any work on EQIP funded projects.

All hours can be used, that are not match for other grants, up to the point where projects are funded through other grant opportunities. Until funding is set, the projects have an opportunity to be funded by EQIP – those hours we can use.

NACD Technical Assistance Grant – Application 2023 – Agronomist Position

Nothing has been sent out on funding opportunities.

TSA Engineering Staff

Hiring is still on hold at this time.

Soil Health/Training Contract Position

Dawn Madison is continuing to work with District staff in gaining Job Approval Authority and also working with the Administration on reporting the NACD grants. Dawn is assisting with area trainings and soil health events.

All Livestock 101 trainings have been completed. Thank you so much Dawn for putting these together!!!

Ecological training focusing on Conservation Crop Rotation, No-Till, Reduced Till, introduction to RUSLE2 and WEPS was held on February 14. We may repeat this training later in 2023 because of the high number of interested staff.

MAWQCP Technical Assistance

Continued work with local landowners to receive Worksheet and ultimately Certification through MAWQCP.

Danielle also has JAA for Ecological Services if that service is needed by your office.

Also, a new incentive has been approved requesting landowner referrals from local agronomists. The incentive would result if an MAWQCP worksheet is completed. Incentive would be \$50/referral for worksheet completion or \$100/referral for certification completion.

STATE MANAGERS MEETING

State TSA Managers meeting will be held in early 2023.

TSA Manager Meeting

Next TSA Manager's Meeting will be held in May/June 2023.

TSA Board Meeting

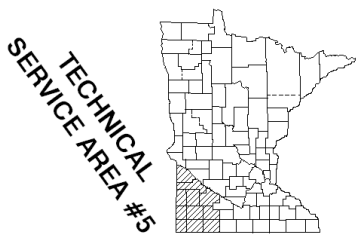
The next scheduled TSA Board meeting will be held in June starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Lyon County Government Center.

SWPTSA Staff Report: The TSA has 190 projects on the books of them 97 are ready for construction.

Skoglund will be doing a Drone presentation at the BWSR academy in October.

BWSR Report: Beckler reported on the legislative session. A lot of money will be coming down for soil health. There will be CRP incentives coming to watersheds.

Other Business: The Board discussed transferring money in the training budget. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Langseth to transfer \$16,446.72 out of the technical services and put into the training account. Motion carried.



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Next Meeting: The SWPTSA Board will meet at 10:00 on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at the BWSR office conference room.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Paul Posthuma
Secretary SWPTSA

Date