



# Kanaranzi – Little Rock Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2019  
Adrian City Hall, Council Chambers,  
Adrian, MN 56110

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair, Tim Taylor at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mgrs. C. Gruis, J. Brake, T. Taylor

Absent: None. L. Gruis

Guests: John Shea (Nobles SWCD Manager), Sabrina Raddle (Nobles SWCD), Doug Goodrich (BWSR)

AGENDA: The agenda for the July 18, 2019 meeting was reviewed. J. Brake moved to approve the agenda as mailed. C. Gruis seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, J. Brake and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 20, 2019 regular meeting was reviewed. C. Gruis moved to approve the minutes as presented. J. Brake seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, J. Brake and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: Three tree cost-share contracts were ready for approval and payment.

KLR-2019-14	Steve Elias	Tree Program	\$451.44
KLR-2019-15	Jeff Deutsch	Tree Program	\$758.82
KLR-2019-16	Derek Erlandson	Tree Program	\$1,000.00

After discussion, C. Gruis moved to approve three tree program cost-share contracts. J. Brake seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, J. Brake and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bills payable, subject to audit, in the amount of \$22,515.26. After review, C. Gruis moved to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. J. Brake seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, J. Brake and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nobles County Public Hearing Information and Rock County Cover Crop Event.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Buffer Legislation Update – SWCD staff has been out in the field checking buffers. All non-compliant landowners will be reported to the county by August.

- B. 1W1P – On July 10<sup>th</sup>, the group moved forward to submit the plan to BWSR. HEI has sent out the information to move forward. The workgroup will continue to meet to figure out the following steps and keep it moving forward as smooth as possible.
- C. Watershed Boundaries – BWSR has accepted the boundary changes. Next year’s taxes should be changed to reflect the new boundaries.
- D. Adrian Wellhead – A new RFP has gone out to purchase the ground. A verbal agreement has been made between Adrian and the landowner.
- E. Advisory Committee – The advisory committee has not yet met the requirements of BWSR. We will work with MAWD to see if they can help.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Shea will be attending the Rural Community Wellhead meeting on Monday.

OTHER REPORTS: NRCS had 1,346 applications submitted for Preventive Plant cover crops. Boysen will also be leaving Nobles NRCS for a new position based in Fairmont.

Goodrich reported on BWSR happenings. He mentioned the per diem increase was effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Money has been set aside for easement purchases in the wellhead areas of SW Minnesota. CWF competitive grant is open now until September 9, 2019. There is \$13.5 million with \$2.7 million set aside just for groundwater and \$1 million set aside for cover crops.

NEW BUSINESS: 2020 DRAFT BUDGET – The draft budget was presented to the board. The budget was the same as last year with a \$6,000 increase in project expense. The levy request also increased by 4%. No motion was made on this budget as the public hearing will be September 5, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

MANAGER POSITION – Shea discussed the changes coming to the board. Rock County will let us know when they plan to post the position.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Next meeting Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with the Public Hearing following at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: T. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Affirmative: C. Gruis, J. Brake, and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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Secretary