The Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting at the District Office, Windom, MN on July 23, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Lingbeek at 8:36 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman, Clark Lingbeek
Vice Chairman, Daryl Tasler
Treasurer, Jeremy Nerem

Others Present: District Administrator, Kay Gross
District Technician – Dave Bucklin
District Administrative Program Assistant – Kari Clouse
NRCS Acting District Conservationist – Loren Clarke
NRCS Soil Conservation Technician, Taylor LeTexier
County Commissioner - Tom Appel

Absent: Secretary, Tom Muller
PR&I, Cody Duroe

AGENDA: Motion by Nerem, second by Tasler to approve the agenda as presented.
Affirmative: Lingbeek, Tasler and Nerem
Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Nerem, second by Tasler to approve the June 27, 2019 Board Meeting minutes.
Affirmative: Lingbeek, Tasler and Nerem
Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Tasler, second by Nerem to receive the July 2019 Financial Report and subject to audit.
Affirmative: Lingbeek, Tasler and Nerem
Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

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Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

RCRCA: Lingbeek
GBERBA: Lingbeek, Bucklin, Gross
WATONWAN 1W1P – Lingbeek, Appel
SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA: Muller and Gross

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA VOUCHERS and FINANCIAL REPORT:
Motion by Nerem, second by Tasler, to approve the Southwest Prairie May Vouchers, Monthly Financials for June and July Administrative Report.
Affirmative: Lingbeek, Tasler and Nerem
Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

Motion by Tasler, second by Nerem to approve the BWSR 2020 NPEA – Enhanced Share Tech Services Grant Agreement totaling $370,000.
Affirmative: Lingbeek, Tasler and Nerem
Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

Final Financial Reports as signed by the TSA Administrative Coordinator for the 2017 NPEA $150,000 and 2018 NPEA $130,000 have been submitted to BWSR.
Motion by Tasler, second by Nerem to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement Amendment with Central Crop Consulting to use the remaining $20,010 and hours (totaling 1,000) by the end date of December 31, 2019.

Affirmative: Lingbeek, Tasler and Nerem
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

MASWCD: Lingbeek
COTTONWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Commissioner Tom Appel
OPEN HOUSE: - July 29 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Kay Gross
CWF GRANT SUBMISSION
Motion by Tasler, second by Nerem to approve the submission of a FY2020 Clean Water Fund Project and Practices application.
Affirmative: Lingbeek, Tasler and Nerem
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

DISTRICT PROGRAM REVIEW
FAIR SCHEDULE
OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONIST – Due September 16

SUPERVISOR MEETINGS
July 29 – Building Open House – Office; August 1 - Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Redwood Falls; August 7 – Watonwan 1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting – St. James; August 14-17 – Cottonwood County Fair – Windom; August 16 – Agro Ecology Summit – Tony Thompson Farm; August 22 – SWCD Board Meeting – Office; August 28 – GBERBA Executive Board Meeting – Mankato; August 28 – Watonwan 1W1P Executive Committee Meeting – St. James.

SWCD EMPLOYEE MEETINGS
July 29 – Building Open House – Office; July 29 – August 2 – Conservation Planning Training – Morris; August 1 – Soil Health Day – Luverne; August 6 – GBERBA Audit – Fairmont; August 6 – SWMACDE Meeting – Slayton; August 7 – Farmfest – Redwood Falls; August 7 – Watonwan Advisory Committee and Steering Team Meetings – St. James; August 14-17 – Cottonwood County Fair – Windom; August 16 – Agro Ecology Summit – Tony Thompson Farm; August 21 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting – St. James; August 22 – SWCD Board Meeting – Office; August 27-28 – Cover Crop Field Day – Lamberton; August 28 – GBERBA Technical Committee and Executive Board Meeting – Mankato; August 28 – Watonwan 1W1P Executive Committee Meeting – St. James.

Motion by Tasler, second by Nerem to approve the Supervisor and Employee meetings and expenses for the month of July/August.
Affirmative: Lingbeek, Tasler and Nerem
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

NRCS ACTING DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST – Loren Clarke – Oral Report
SENIOR TECHNICIAN – Dave Bucklin – Written Report
FARM BILL/PROGRAM TECHNICIAN – Becky Buchholz – Written Report
RESOURCE TECHNICIAN – Hannah Herzfeld – Written Report
WATONWAN WATERSHED TECHNICIAN – Joshua Votruba – Written Report
AREA 6 CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST – Herman Bartsch – Written Report
AREA 5 CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST – Danielle Evers – Written Report
MN CONSERVATION CORP MEMBER – Lee Tapper – Written Report
PLANNING and ZONING TECHNICIAN – Alex Schultz – Written Report

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by the Chairman at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting will be on THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office.