Regular Minutes of the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Land Services Building, Brainerd, MN 56401, for July 22, 2015.

I. Meeting called to Order by Chairman Robert Becker at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Robert Becker-Board Chair

Robert Albrecht-Vice chair Leonard Koering-Treasurer Roger Waytashek-Reporter Diane Jacobson-Secretary

Others present:

Melissa Barrick-District Manager Beth Hippert-District Technician Darren Mayers-District Technician Tasha Lauer-District Coordinator Jessica Weis-District Conservationist Hagen Gamradt-CCMI apprentice Craig Nathan – Potential Candidate

Consent Agenda

a. Secretary's Report 05.20.2015

There was a motion by Robert Albrecht seconded by Roger Waytashek, to approve the June 17, 2015 Secretary's Report.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

b. Treasurer's Report

There was a motion by Leonard Koering seconded by Robert Albrecht, to approve the June 2015 Treasurer's Report.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

c. Approval of Agenda.

There was a motion by Diane Jacobson seconded by Roger Waytashek, to approve the July 22, 2015 agenda.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

III. Reports

- a. Work Reports: SWCD Staff and NRCS staff provided work reports.
- b. WCA: Beth provided an update.
- c. Easement Program: Melissa provided an update.
- d. Forestry: Bob A. and Darren provided an update.
- e. Region 5: Diane provided an update.
- f. Elected Officials: No report
- g. Thirty Lakes Watershed District: No report
- h. Crow Wing Basin Forage Council: Leonard provided an update. Next meeting Oct 29.
- i. North Central MN TSA: Melissa and Bob Albrecht provided an update.
- j. JPB Engineer: Melissa and Bob Albrecht provided an update.

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There was a motion by Diane Jacobson Seconded by Robert Albrecht to approve support of JPB Engineer, Bill Westerberg to share office space with Crow Wing SWCD and Crow Wing SWCD host district for the JPB.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

IV. Old Business:

- a. Grants Update:
 - i. City of Deerwood Cost-Share agreement update
 - ii. DNR Grant Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement FY2016
 - iii. DNR Grant: Hemmerich: \$5,000

There was a motion by Robert Albrecht Seconded by Roger Waytashek, to approve to sign the DNR groundwater well grant.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

There was a motion by Diane Jacobson Seconded by Leonard Koering, to approve DNR FY14 grant payments to Hemmerich in amount of \$5,000.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

b. Cost Share:

i. 2013 Forest Stewardship Grant closed

There was a motion by Diane Jacobson Seconded by Leonard Koering, to approve BWSR 2013 Cisco Lakes Stewardship Grant final financial report.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

- ii. City of Manhattan Beach: Melissa discussed the status of the Big Trout Hwy 66 Project
- c. Outreach Specialist Position and Personnel Meeting

There was a motion by Robert Albrecht Seconded by Roger Waytashek to approve the hiring of the Outreach Specialist and Personnel position.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

d. Buffer Rule Update: Melissa provided an handout on current rules and regulation regarding the new buffer initiative.

III. New Business:

- a. CWC county Fair Schedule
- b. BWSR Clean Water Legacy 2015 Grant Application

There was a motion by Robert Albrecht Seconded by Leonard Koering to approve applying for BWSR 2016 Clean Water Funds.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

a. Policy for Land Donation and Professional In-kind Services Grant Match

There was a motion by Robert Albrecht Seconded by Roger Waytashek, to approve a policy to include land donation or the giving up of land for a specific soil or water project to count as match towards grants. This value would be based off the current CWC assessed land value.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

There was a motion by Robert Albrecht Seconded by Leonard Koering to approve professional employee time as match towards grant at minimum of \$ 60 per hour or the actually paid wage of that employee for time or worked completed for grant purposes.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

b. NRCS Local Work Group Meeting

There was a motion by Robert Albrecht Seconded by Diane Jacobson to approve for board members to attend work group meeting

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

c. Darren - Vacation Aug 3-13, 2015

There was a motion by Leonard Koering Seconded by Robert Albrecht to approve Darren Mayers' vacation on Aug 3-13, 2015,

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Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

VII. District Bills

There was a motion by Leonard Koering Seconded by Roger Waytashek to pay the monthly district bills.

Affirmative: RB, LK, RA, RW, DJ

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

VIII.

Calendar

July 23, 2015	NRCS Local Work Group Meeting	Pine River
August 4-8, 2015	Crow Wing County Fair	County Fairgrounds
August 19, 2015	Regular Board Meeting	CWC Land Services

IX. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Diane Jacobson, Secretary