



Providing Engineering and Technical Assistance to North Central MN SWCDs

Pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.021, the TSA8 will be holding its Board meeting on 01/12/2021 at 10:30am by teleconference means due to the Health Pandemic Emergency declared under Chapter 12 by the Governor. A notice of the meeting was posted on the door of the Beltrami County Office Location 701 Minnesota Ave. NW Ste.113 Bemidji, MN 56601 and explained how the public was able to participate in the meeting. The meeting followed all the requirements for an electronic meeting as spelled out in MN Statutes 13D.021 Subdivision 1, 1-4.

January 12, 2021 TSA8 Board Minutes

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting via computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85797378399>

Meeting ID: 857 9737 8399

Passcode: 011221

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Bylaws: Voting on all matters that come before this organization shall be by designated individuals, in attendance, who are either elected supervisors or employees of the member districts where each member SWCD is allowed one vote.

Attendees: Darren Newville, Wadena SWCD, Andy Arens, Itasca SWCD, Tom Schulz Wadena SWCD, Pam Tomevi Koochiching SWCD, Brad Kennedy TSA8, Eldon Voigt, Koochiching SWCD, John Ringle, Cass SWCD, Leonard Koering Crow Wing SWCD, Bill Westerberg TSA8, Melissa Barrick Host District, Lori Buell Clearwater SWCD, Josh Stromlund LOW SWCD, Donald Rittinger, Hubbard SWCD, Cal Saari, Itasca SWCD, Chad Severts BWSR, Dylan Nistler TSA8, Darren Mayers, BWSR, and Alicia Gohmann, Hubbard SWCD and Chris Pence, BWSR

- I. Call to Order 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Welcome and introductions
 1. Reorganization Board (**Decision**) 10:30-10:40 a.m.
 - a. Chair-
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Personnel Committee

There was a motion by Ruth Trask seconded by Tom Schulz, to approve elections as the following:

Chair as Tom Schulz

Vice Chair as Donald Rittgner

Secretary as Ruth Trask

Treasurer as Leonard Koering

Personnel Committee Members:

Ruth Trask, Tom Schulz, and Josh Stromlund

Affirmative: Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of Woods, and Wadena. Opposed: None Motion Carried.

2. Consent Items: **(Decision)** 10:40-10:50 a.m.
 - a. Secretary's Report 10.07.2020
 - b. Agenda Approval
 - c. Treasurer's Report and Grant Status
 - d. Host District Contract 2021

There was a motion by Ruth Trask seconded by Leonard Koering, to approve consent agenda items 10.07.2020 TSA8 Minutes, 01.12.2021 Agenda, December 30, 2020 Treasure's Report, Host District 2021 Contract as presented.

Affirmative: Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of Woods, and Wadena. Opposed: None Motion Carried.

II. New Business 10:50-11:25 a.m.

1. TSA8 2021 Draft Budget **(Decision)** *Personnel Committee Recommendations incorporated into the budget
There was a motion by Cal Sarri seconded by John Ringle, to approve 2021 TSA8 Budget as presented.
Affirmative: Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of Woods, and Wadena. Opposed: None Motion Carried.
2. TSA8 2021 Expectations **(Decision)**

There was a motion by Eldon Voigt seconded by Leonard Koering, to TSA8 2021 Expectations as presented.
Affirmative: Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of Woods, and Wadena. Opposed: None Motion Carried.

3. TSA8 Request for Assistance Koochiching SWCD **(Decision)**
There was a motion by Ruth Trask seconded by Don Rettinger, to authorize up to \$13,000 to the Koochiching SWCD for Professional Services funds must be invoiced to the TSA8 prior December 31, 2021.
Affirmative: Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of Woods, and Wadena. Opposed: None Motion Carried.

III. 2020 TSA8 Staff Reports (Discuss) 11:25 to 12:25

- a. Melissa Barrick Report -5 minutes introduce reports
- b. Bill Westerberg -Report-10 minutes
- c. Beth Hippert-Report -10 minutes

- d. Mitch Brinks GIS Report – 10 minutes
- e. Dain Erickson Communication Report – 10 minutes
- f. Chad Severts BWSR Report on Reporting -10 minutes

IV. Adjourn (**Decision**) **12:30 p.m.**