



**Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District**

322 Laurel St. Suite 22 ▪ Brainerd, MN 56401

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**Regular Minutes of the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD),  
Land Services Building, Brainerd, MN 56401, for April 17, 2019.**

I. Meeting called to Order by Board Chair Diane Jacobson at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Diane Jacobson-Board Chair  
Roger Waytashek-Vice Chair  
JoAnn Weaver-Secretary  
Leonard Koering-Treasurer  
Jim Chamberlin-Reporter

Others present: Melissa Barrick-District Manager  
Clayton Lenk-District Tec/Forester  
Sheila Boldt-Conservation Outreach  
Chris Pence-BWSR  
Candy Fuller-NRCS

I. Approval

a. Agenda Approval (**Decision**)

**There was a motion by JoAnn Weaver seconded by Roger Waytashek, to approve the April 17th, 2019 Agenda.**

**Affirmative: DJ, LK, JW, JC, RW                      Opposed: None              Motion Carried.**

b. Secretary's Report (**Decision**)

**There was a motion by JoAnn Weaver seconded by Roger Waytashek, to approve March 20, 2019 Secretary's Report as presented.**

**Affirmative: DJ, LK, JW, JC, RW                      Opposed: None              Motion Carried.**

c. Treasurer's Report (**Decision**)

**There was a motion by Roger Waytashek seconded by Jim Chamberlin, to approve the March 2019 Treasurer's report as presented.**

**Affirmative: DJ, LK, JW, JC, RW                      Opposed: None              Motion Carried.**

2. Old Business:

- a. NRCS Work Report
- b. County Commissioner Report
- c. Grants:

GRANTEE	GRANT #	Practice	GRANT AMOUNT	APPROVED / DENIED
Deerwood Skone Park Project		Denied quote and will try to sub out landscape plan		LK/RW Approved
PRAP	Assistance Grant	To apply for funds		
Kathy Nelson	Cost Share FY19	50% cost share of \$4000	\$2000	Approved



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**There was a motion by Leonard Koering seconded by JoAnn Weaver, to approve Grant Contracts and payments as listed above.**

**Affirmative: DJ, LK, JW, JC, RW    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

d. Letter to the Governor

e. Draft Resolution Agroforestry

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering seconded by Jim Chamberlin, to approve Resolution for Agroforestry.**

**Affirmative: DJ, LK, JW, JC, RW    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

f. Wetland Conservation Act Meeting: Discussion

**3. New Business:**

a. Enbridge Presentation

b. Summer Intern Hiring

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering seconded by JoAnn Weaver, to approve intern pay rate as \$12-\$13/hour and have Melissa review references and make decision on whom to hire.**

**Affirmative: DJ, LK, JW, JC, RW    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

c. July 2019 Meeting Date Change

**There was a motion by Jim Chamberlin seconded by Roger Waytashek, to approve SWCD Board Meeting at Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Breezy Point City Hall at 3pm.**

**Affirmative: DJ, LK, JW, JC, RW    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

d. Envirothon Donation \$300

**There was a motion by JoAnn Weaver seconded by Roger Waytashek, to approve \$300 donation to Envirothon.**

**Affirmative: DJ, LK, JW, JC, RW    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

e. Tree Sale Distribution Dates/Times/Location: Discussion

f. Sales Tax Resolution: Discussion

**5. Reports**

a. Work Reports: SWCD Staff, WCA

b. Area VIII Meeting

c. Forestry

d. Elected Officials

e. IWIP-Pine River

f. Region Five

g. Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group

h. Crow Wing Basin Forage Council

i. North Central MN TSA 8

**7. District Bills**

**There was a motion by JoAnn Weaver Seconded by Leonard Koering to pay the monthly bills.**

**Affirmative: LK, JW, JC, RW, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried.**



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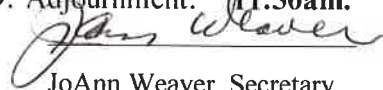
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Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Place</b>
5/2/19 and 5/3/19	Tree Sale Distribution	CWC Fair, Curling Bldg
5/15/19	SWCD Regular Board Meeting	CWC Land Services Bldg

9. Adjournment: **11:50am.**

  
JoAnn Weaver, Secretary



Adoption of a Silvopasture Practice Standard in Minnesota

Whereas there are approximately 5 million acres (10%)<sup>1</sup> of land in Minnesota that were historically savanna habitat that evolved with grazing ruminant herbivores, and

Whereas in Minnesota there are approximately 450, 000 acres of grazed woodlands that are primarily unmanaged,<sup>2</sup> and

Whereas it is recognized that Silvopasture intentionally combines livestock, forage, and woody crops to create integrated and sustainable land-use systems, and

Whereas the ecological benefits of silvopasture are recognized and include soil and water conservation, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration, and

Whereas research shows that properly implemented adaptive silvopasture systems can increase production, diversify farm income and increase farm profitability<sup>3</sup>, and

Whereas the NRCS currently has a National Conservation Practice Standard Silvopasture (Code 381)<sup>4</sup> and has developed a draft standard for Minnesota, and

Whereas the USDA Agroforestry Strategic Framework FY2011-2016<sup>5</sup> concedes that past Agroforestry Strategic Frameworks did not meet their goals and benchmarks and that the “USDA must effectively incorporate Agroforestry into its programs, policies, and activities” to meet the goals and benchmarks of the current Framework.

Therefore be it Resolved that the MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts shall petition NRCS to adopt a Silvopasture standard in Minnesota, and

Be it further Resolved that the MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts promote training of SWCD staff in the concepts, design, and implementation of silvopasture practice that diversify producer income and conserve and protect soil and water resources.

Staff outreach to NRCS to promote adoption of MN Silvopasture standard. (8 hrs @ \$75/ hr)	\$600.00
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Date Adopted 04.17.2019

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nps.gov/miss/learn/nature/prairestoaks.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Ford, M. M., Zamora, D. S., Current, D. A., Magner, J. A., Wyatt, G. J., Walter, W. D., & Vaughan, S. (2019). Impact of managed woodland grazing on forage quantity, quality and livestock performance: the potential for silvopasture in Central Minnesota, USA. *Agroforestry Systems*, 93(1), 67-79. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10457-017-0098-1>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/research/spmanagement.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/PA\\_NRCSConsumption/download?cid=stelprdb1255015&ext=pdf](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/PA_NRCSConsumption/download?cid=stelprdb1255015&ext=pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AFStratFrame\\_FINAL-lr\\_6-3-11.pdf](https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AFStratFrame_FINAL-lr_6-3-11.pdf)

Resolution No. 2019\_01 was adopted by majority vote: Leonard Koering, Diane Jacobson, JoAnn Weaver, Jim Chamberlin, and Roger Waytashek.

Training of SWCD Staff in concepts, design, and implementation of agroforestry practices	\$2500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3100.00</b>