

# Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors Meeting

December 3, 2022

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Vavra called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

MAWD Board (Board) Members present: Linda Vavra, David Ziegler, Jackie Anderson, Mary Texer, Peter Fjestad, Jeff Gertgen, Wanda Holker, and Brad Kramer

Board member absent: Gene Tiedemann

Others present: Jan Voit, Executive Director; Jill Crafton, Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek WD; LeRoy Ose, Red Lake WD; and Joe Collins, Capitol Region WD

## 2. GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

### ***Agenda***

Director Ziegler made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of staff discussion. Director Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### ***Board Introductions***

Board introductions were done.

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

### ***Election of Officers***

#### President

Director Fjestad nominated Director Vavra. Director Ziegler seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Director Gertgen made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Director Vavra for President. Director Holker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### Vice President

Director Holker nominated Director Fjestad. Director Gertgen seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Director Gertgen made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Director Fjestad for Vice President. Director Kramer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### Secretary

Director Fjestad nominated Director Holker. Director Ziegler seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Director Ziegler made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Director Holker for Secretary. Director Fjestad seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### Treasurer

Director Gertgen nominated Director Ziegler. Director Fjestad seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Director Holker made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Director Ziegler for Treasurer. Director Kramer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### ***Staff***

Director Fjestad made a motion to remove interim from the executive director's title. Director Ziegler seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding the job description. The motion carried unanimously.

### ***Discussion***

BWSR representatives Crafton, Ose, and Collins gave an update on the process for evaluating One Watershed, One Plan projects at the halfway point of plan implementation, as well as the value of our new Strategic Plan, potential infrastructure funding from the federal government, climate funds available through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, BWSR training for new managers, and the difference

between Soil and Water Conservation Districts and watershed districts. They also commended the board on the success of the annual conference.

Discussion was held regarding the annual conference including changing the date to earlier in the week and on the same day as the board of directors meeting so all the managers and commissioners could attend the presentations and vendors appreciate the carpeting and would like to have it every year. The board thanked the Program Manager and Executive Director for their work on the conference.

To avoid a problem with the change in treasurer's, the transition to Director Ziegler will occur after the bank signature authority has been updated.

***Confirm Next Meeting Date***

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 13 via Zoom.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Director Ziegler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Wanda Holker, Secretary