

**Joint Counties Natural Resources Board
January 28, 2019
Beltrami County Conference Room
10:00 AM**

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioners:

Bill Pratt – Aitkin	Mark Larson - Clearwater
Wayne Skoe – Koochiching	Gary Kiesow – Marshall
Scott McCollum - Mahnomen	Buck Nordlof – Lake of the Woods
Roger Falk – Roseau	

Absent: Tim Summer - Beltrami

DNR: Rita Albrecht – DNR NW Regional Director

BSWR: None

Guest: None

Other: Kallie Briggs; Coordinator

Call to Order: Chairman Commissioner Pratt called the Joint Counties Natural Resources Board to order at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 28, 2019 in the Beltrami County Conference Room.

Agenda: Motion by Kiesow, second by McCollum to approve the proposed agenda with no guest or BSWR update. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: Kallie Briggs, Coordinator led the Board in their annual election of officers.

- **President:** Kiesow nominated Pratt for President. No other nominations were called. Motion by Falk, second by Skoe to close nominations and elect Pratt as President.
- **Vice President:** Falk nominated Skoe as Vice President. No other nominations were called. Motion by Kiesow, second by Falk to close nominations and elect Skoe as Vice President.

Introductions were made and new board members Mark Larson, Roseau County and Buck Nordlof, LOW County were welcomed to the Board.

Minutes: Motion by Falk, second by Kiesow to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Discussions:

- **Administration/Office Expenses:** Motion by Kiesow, second by Falk to approve the administration/office expenses for January. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Account Activity Report:** Motion was made by McCollum, second by Larson to approve the January Account Activity Report that was compiled by Marshall County and distributed by Coordinator Briggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: The following was discussed:

- Support for Buffer Zone Rebates: A Buffer Zone rebate for land owners has been discussed at the Legislature. HF200 is a Riparian buffer compensation program established with money appropriated. The Bill was sent to the Environmental and Natural Resource for a hearing on January 30, 2019. **Motion by Kiesow, second by Skoe to support a Bill that would provide compensation to land owners for a riparian buffer zone.**

New Business: The following was discussed:

- Meeting Dates for 2019: After some discussion the Board decided to continue meeting every other month and changed the day to the 3rd Monday of the month. **Motion by Falk, second by Skoe to change the meetings to the 3rd Monday.** *Note: A motion was made at the last meeting to meet every other month. Meetings dates for 2019 will be March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18. Meetings may and can be changed according to the Chair.*

DNR Written and Oral Report: Rita gave the Board a written report of recent DNR activity. On file. The report referred to topics such as the recently appointed Commissioner, Sarah Strommen the Deputy Commissioner and the assistant commissioners overseeing other departments. She also talked about new regulations for northern pike anglers and spearers during the winter season. Lands and Minerals is busy with L3 licenses for Enbridge to cross state lands. Parks and Trails has adjusted the Border to Border Touring Route north to avoid Clearwater County. The route is for licensed off road vehicles. The final map has not yet been completed. Also Forestry has reported a decrease in delivered prices to mills for ash and tamarack. She noted that the cold weather we have been experiencing has had a positive impact on the spreading of the emerald ash larva.

Next Meeting Date: The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, March 18. LeRoy Stump will try to come and address the Board. He was snowed in today.

Adjourn: **Motion by Falk, second by McCollum** to adjourn the meeting at 11:25am.

Minutes submitted by Kallie Briggs-Administrative Coordinator