

**Joint Counties Natural Resources Board  
July 27, 2020  
Beltrami County Conference Room  
10:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Commissioners:

Wayne Skoe - Koochiching	Roger Falk – Roseau
Gary Kiesow – Marshall	Russell Walker Roseau
Reed Olson - Beltrami	

**Absent:** Mark Larson – Clearwater, Scott McCollum – Mahnommen,  
Buck Nordlof – Lake of the Woods, Bill Pratt, Aitkin

**DNR:** None

**BSWR:** None

**Guest:** Emily Justen, Noxious Weed Law Coordinator, MN Department of Agriculture (via Zoom)

**Other:** Kallie Briggs; Coordinator

**Call to Order:** Chairman Commissioner Skoe called the Joint Counties Natural Resources Board to order at 10:04 AM on Monday, July 27, 2020 in the Beltrami County Conference Room.

**Agenda: Motion by Kiesow, second by Falk to approve the agenda as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes: Motion by Olson, second by Falk to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2020 meeting as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Discussions:**

- Administration/Office Expenses: **Motion by Kiesow, second by Falk to approve the administration/office and meeting expenses for February-July for a total of \$747.18.** Motion carried unanimously.
- Account Activity Report: **Motion was made by Kiesow, second by Falk to approve the July Account Activity Report that was compiled by Marshall County and distributed by Coordinator Briggs.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business: The following was discussed:**

- The \$300,000 ConCon Funds allocated for county use is now available and counties have been using up the funds by requesting for more. This was what this fund was intended to do. The money goes towards back taxes for ditches and counties hope to keep the program going so they can continue to fix ditches.
- Cares Act Funds are being distributed to counties however many are confused on how the funds can be spent. Beltrami has hired an accounting firm to assist them so when it comes

time for their audit, they will not have to pay any back. Koochiching county will give some to non-profits who help benefit their county, 10% towards small businesses for economic development and try to assist loggers with timber sales.

- **2018 Executive Summary:** The Board received a draft copy in the board packet. Board members were asked to review it further and adopt it up at the next meeting.
- **Zoom Membership:** In an effort to host Zoom meetings a membership has to be purchased otherwise you only have 40 minutes before the program cuts you off. The Board would encourage members to attend meeting unless things with COVID worsen. If board members would like to Zoom in, they can for 40 minutes and when they get cut off, they can use the same log in link to zoom back in for another 40 minutes. This is what those in attendance decided to do for now.

**Guest:** Emily Justen, Noxious Weed Law Coordinator, MN Department of Agriculture joined the meeting via Zoom. She had prepared a PowerPoint presentation which Kallie had copies made up for those in attendance. A copy is on file and on the JCNRB website.

**DNR Update:** Theresa Ebbgena, DNR Regional Manager was not able to attend the meeting but sent a written update. It is on file and has been uploaded to the JCNRB website.

**BSWR Update:** Matt was unable to attend but sent a legislative and BSWR update. It is on file and has been uploaded to the JCNRB website.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, September 28, 2020. Russell will ask Representative Fabien to attend.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Skoe adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Minutes submitted by Kallie Briggs-Administrative Coordinator