

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 27th, 2016
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Don Dally, Personnel Director
Larry Stephens, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman

Others Present: Drew Mosburg and Brent Gulbrandson, NRCS
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson, Jared House and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the September 22nd, 2016 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the Treasurer's report as read. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1. **Conservation Tillage Conference – December 13-14, Fargo, ND**—Board will discuss it at the November 23rd Board meeting.
2. **Governor's Water Quality Initiative**—Groneberg explained the Governor's Water Quality Initiative and how it parallels to the objectives we've been discussing.
3. **Area I Meeting – November 15th, Crookston, MN**—At this time Christenson and Knutson plan on attending.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg reported the JPB is seeking applicants for the coordinator position, the 2015 audit has been approved and he also gave a grants update.
2. **Cover Crop Field Day Report**—Larson, Stephens , Dally and Montonye attended the field day at NDSU and gave a report on the benefits of cover crops.
3. **2016 MASWCD Annual Convention – December 4-6, Double Tree Hotel, Bloomington**—At this time Stephens, Montonye, Knutson, Chad & Gwen Rollofson plan on attending. Knutson will contact Larson to see if he’s interested in attending.
4. **Buffer Law Update – Buffer Committee Meeting Report**—There was a buffer committee meeting on October 20th to review the buffer law and the responsibilities of each agency. There will be another meeting on December 14th if there is more information available.
5. **PRAP Review**—Montonye read the letter to BWSR regarding the findings of the level II PRAP report for Grant SWCD. Developing a data practices policy was the only action item found.
6. **2017 Draft Budget**—Board discussed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to approve the proposed budget as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Resolution to Amend the JPB Agreement Establishing the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area**—Board discussed the changes. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to accept the JPB Agreement. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **Personnel Policy – Jared House**—Groneberg signed the personnel policy for House. House had read and signed the Grant SWCD personnel policy.
9. **CCRP Update**—Olson gave a CCRP update. He has 138 renewals for 2017 and the rates are being evaluated.
10. **2016 MASWCD Resolutions**—The board discussed the 19 resolutions and voted on them. Knutson will get them sent in today.
11. **NRCS Report**— Mosburg has been working on CSP payments and he handed out a map of all active CSP contracts in Minnesota. Gulbrandson has been working on EQIP. There will be a field day at Scott Swenson’s at 11:00 a.m. today.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to pay the October 2016 bills #12720 - #12737 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Christenson to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

October Minutes were approved at the November 23rd, 2016 Board Meeting.