

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 27th, 2014
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the January 23rd, 2014 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

1. **GAO Highlights---**Handouts were distributed and Board discussed the article "Changes Needed If Key EPA Program Is to Help Fulfill the Nation's Water Quality Goals".
2. **MASWCD District Funding Initiative**—Handouts were distributed and Board discussed the MASWCD SWCD Funding Initiative and the options proposed.

Old Business:

1. **Legislative Day at the Capital**—Board discussed the 2014 Legislative Platform of the MASWCD. Groneberg, Dally and Montonye plan on attending at this time. Knutson will call Larson to see if he can attend. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to support the legislative platform of the MASWCD and to send delegates to the Legislative Day at the Capital. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
2. **MN River Basin Discussion**—Board discussed the proposal of a new Minnesota River Basin entity. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to not support a new Minnesota River Basin taxing entity. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

1. **Guest – Mark Kulig – Assistant Conservationist of Field Operations**—Mark gave an update on personnel changes within NRCS in the State and the Area. A Program update was also given and the changes coming. Mosburg reported the CSP & EQIP sign-ups have ended.
2. **Pomme de Terre Report**— Groneberg announced that the Pomme de Terre JPB has hired a new Coordinator Jerod House. It was also noted that 70% of the 2014 Clean Water Fund grant money went to the Metro area.
3. **RIM/WRP Discussion**—The following problems with the RIM/WRP program were discussed: Easement process takes too long, Board needs more involvement, area agencies need to be more informed, state agencies need to communicate with each other better, property tax stabilization issues and easement violations.
4. **RIM Applications**—There has been some interest in RIM easement buffers adjacent to protected waters. There won't be any funding until July 1st or later. Board discussed the 3 applications.

Doug Melaas – Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the RIM application for Doug Melaas. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. **Marcus Olson** – Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve the RIM application for Marcus Olson. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. **Doug & Marilyn Frykman** – Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the RIM application for Doug & Marilyn Frykman. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. These applications will be submitted to the State when funding becomes available.

New Business: (continued)

5. **State Cost-Share Application – Doug Frykman**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the State Cost-Share Application for Doug Frykman for a Critical Area Planting. Total cost estimate is \$1,500.00 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$1,125.00 or 75 percent of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **BWSR New Administrative Manual**—Montonye informed the Board that BWSR has come out with a new administrative manual that will require a number of policy changes and additions.
7. **Grant SWCD 2014 Annual Plan of Work**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve the 2014 Annual Plan of Work with the changes discussed. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. The Annual Plan will be posted on the Grant SWCD website.

Motion was made Dally, seconded by Christenson to pay the February 2014 bills #12211 - #12226 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

February, 2014 Minutes were approved at the March 27th, 2014 Board Meeting.