

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 28th, 2016
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Don Dally, Personnel Director
Larry Stephens, Member

Members Absent: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman

Others Present: Drew Mosburg and Brent Gulbrandson, 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 March 31st, 2016 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, 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: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1. **Grant County Local Work Group Meeting – Tuesday, June 7th @ 9:00 a.m.**—The Local Work Group meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7th to set priorities and ranking for NRCS programs, all Board members are invited to attend.
2. **2016 National Strip Till Conference – August 3-4 in Bloomington, IL**—The National Strip Till Conference will be held in Bloomington, Illinois this summer. Larson expressed possible interest in attending.
3. **2016 Soil Health Tour – June 29-30 in Wahpeton, ND**—Knutson will register 2 spots for the 2 days.

Old Business:

1. **Upcoming Supervisor Election – May 17th – 31st – Christenson, Stephens and Dally**—The filing period is May 17th – May 31st. Christenson, Stephens and Dally are all up for re-election and they all plan on filing.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Montonye read the report that Groneberg had prepared. There was a grant update and Jared will have a helper for the summer. The next meeting will be held Friday, May 13th.
2. **MASWCD – Call for Resolutions**—If anyone has a resolution they are to bring it to the next Board meeting. The deadline for Area resolutions to be received in the MASWCD office is July 21st.
3. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Jim Haugen / Chad Biss**—The cost estimate for a water and sediment control basin project is \$12,000.00 with cost-sharing not to exceed 75% which would be \$9,000.00. EQIP will fund \$5,820.00. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to approve the State Cost-Share contract for Jim Haugen / Chad Biss in the amount of \$3,180.00. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
4. **Review Buffer Law Comments and DNR Map**—Montonye reviewed the changes in the Buffer Law with the Board. Discussion was held on the SWCD Buffer Law Implementation Request and the activities the District checked and the expectations of BWSR for activities we did not check. Copies of the DNR buffer map were distributed and discussed.
5. **Soil Health Project Plan**—Board discussed the project plan to improve infiltration and reduce run-off. Staff and Board will actively seek support from landowners and invite them to a Board meeting to discuss the methods they are implementing and things the District can do to assist them.
6. **Review One Watershed / One Plan**—BWSR is encouraging District's to have 1W1P in place by 2025. Grant County will have 4 plans. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to support a resolution to Extend the Grant County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan and Support One Watershed, One Plan Projects within Grant County. Affirmative: Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: Larson. Motion Carried.
7. **NRCS Report**—Gulbrandson is working on EQIP projects and Mosburg has been working on CSP.

New Business: (continued)

8. **USDA Rent Invoice**—The District received a bill for collection from FSA dated 3/29/2016 for rent from 10/01/2014 – 9/30/2015. Board discussed the 6 month time to get a bill out. Larson tabled payment at this time.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to pay the April 2016 bills #12629 - #12647 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

April Minutes were approved at the May 26th, 2016 Board Meeting.