

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 23rd, 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
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Don Dally, Personnel Director
Larry Stephens, Member

Others Present: Drew Mosburg, NRCS
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD
Guest – Scott Swenson

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the May 26th, 2016 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

1. **MASWCD – Local Government Water Roundtable Workshops**—There will be upcoming roundtable workshops – the locations are unknown at this time.

New Business:

1. **Guest – Scott Swenson**—Scott discussed with the Board what he's been doing in his farming operation with cover crops and his interest in strip-till.

New Business: (continued)

2. **Soil Health Project Plan – what’s next?**—Chad Rollofson’s field day will be held Tuesday, August 30th. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens that the Board will be committed to providing assistance to Chad Rollofson and Scott Swenson with their soil health efforts. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **Guest – Brittney Johnson, MAWQCP, East Otter Tail SWCD**—Brittney distributed the new MAWQCP brochures and explained the highlights of the program. There will be additional funds available to SWCD’s but it will be a reimbursable grant.
4. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg gave a grants update from the June 3rd JPB meeting. The next meeting will be held July 8th.
5. **TSA Report**—Changes to the Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area were discussed. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to agree to the changes to the Agreement. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Area I Meeting Report**—Stephens gave a report on the Area I meeting in Detroit Lakes he attended along with Christenson, Montonye and Knutson.
7. **Buffer Law – BWSR Policies**—Board discussed the changes to the Buffer and Soil Loss Statutes, BWSR buffer policies and also reviewed the most recent DNR buffer map and discussed the inaccuracies on the map.
8. **BWSR Grants**—The FY17 BWSR Grants were discussed.
9. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg reported on CSP sign up that 36 of 63 contracts have been pre-approved, EQIP sign-up applications due in August, Local Work Group meeting June 7th @ 9:00 a.m. and he’s been busy with construction projects of CRP wetland restorations and water and sediment control basins.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Groneberg to pay the June 2016 bills #12661 - #12674 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Christenson to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

June Minutes were approved at the July 28th, 2016 Board Meeting.