

***MINUTES***  
***Board of Supervisors Meeting***  
***July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014***  
***Grant Soil & Water Conservation District***  
***712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531***

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

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

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 Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

**Correspondence:**

1. **Rain Garden Workshop**---Knutson and Deal will be holding a rain garden workshop on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Dally plans on attending at this time.
2. **ARS Field Day: Thursday, August 14, 2014**—Knutson will contact Board members early that week to see who plans on attending.
3. **MASWCD – Strengthening Your SWCD: Taking Charge of Your Strategic Direction**—Conference will be held September 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in Baxter, MN.
4. **“A Minnesota Lawmaker’s Guide to the Agri-Environment Policy Landscape”**—Board discussed. Handouts were distributed.
5. **MASWCD / U of M Webinar: “Soil Health”**—Webinar will be held Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Anyone interested can come to the office to watch it or log in from their home computer.

### *New Business:*

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**— Groneberg had a handout on the Pomme de Terre JPB Budget vs Actual through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Board discussed. A 319 grant has been applied for in the Pomme de Terre. They also have \$150,000 for incentives for permanent buffers and Grant SWCD had 5 applications in that area but BWSR didn't approve any of them at the state level.
2. **Area 1 Meeting Report**—Stephens, Dally, Montonye, Knutson and Mosburg attended the Area 1 meeting in Bejou. Overall it was a good meeting.

Christenson arrived at the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

3. **One Watershed / One Plan**—The Grant SWCD's Water Plan was adopted as the Comprehensive Plan for the District and Expires December 31, 2015. Board discussed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to request an extension from BWSR and the County Commissioners until we know more on the One Watershed / One Plan. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
4. **RIM Update**—Olson had 6 applications in the targeted area and only 1 of those got accepted from BWSR. We will re-submit the other ones in the next funding cycle if the landowners are still interested.
5. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg reported that he has been working on CSP and EQIP contracts and the local work group met to set local priorities for EQIP. Dally went along with Gulbrandson for a couple of mornings to do CRP status reviews.

Motion was made Christenson, seconded by Dally to pay the July 2014 bills #12283 - #12294 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 Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***July, 2014 Minutes were approved at the August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board Meeting.***