

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 27th, 2015
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer

Others Present: Drew Mosburg and Brent Gulbrandson, NRCS
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD
Pete Waller, Board of Water & Soil Resources

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the July 23rd, 2015 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, 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, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report – Paul Groneberg**—Groneberg reported on the last JPB Board meeting. The Coordinators salary etc. was discussed and he is working on the 2016 CWF grant.
2. **FY16 & FY17 SWCD Program and Operations Grant Agreement**—Discussion was held. Waller is going to address our issues with the grant agreement with others within BWSR and report back to the Board. Board tabled until the September meeting.

New Business: (continued)

3. **Buffer / Water Quality Certification Grant Information**—Grant SWCD is in category 5 (\$25,000.00) for the FY2016 Buffer Implementation Funding Allocation. A meeting will need to be held with County officials to discuss a strategy on how to deal with county ditches under the new buffer law and meet with Bois de Sioux on judicial ditches. At this time it looks like \$6,000.00 will be available to promote the Ag Water Quality Certification Program. More discussion will follow as we get more information.
4. **Legislative Update**—Waller distributed the June 2015 BWSR Legislative Summary and Board discussed the increase in grant money available to the Districts.
5. **Update on Marcus Olson Easement**—Waiting for the agreement to get back from the County Attorney at this time.
6. **Approval of Pomme de Terre Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement – Glenn and Paula Hjelle**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the PdT CWF Grant Agreement for Glenn and Paula Hjelle for a rain garden with a project estimate of \$1,825.00 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$1369.00 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Grant SWCD Computers**—Currently NRCS is only allowing us 3 seats on their system and when we hire another employee they won't allow us another seat so we'll have to do something different and staff is exploring those options.
8. **Tour Re-Cap**—Everyone thought the tour was excellent and also got good reviews from the others that attended.
9. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg is working on completing CSP contracts and Gulbrandson is working on EQIP projects.

September Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 8:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to pay the August 2015 bills #12491 - #12510 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

August Board minutes were approved at the September 22nd Board meeting