

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 22nd, 2015
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 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 Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the August 27th, 2015 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, 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, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

1. **FY16 & FY17 SWCD Program and Operations Grant Agreement**—Pete Waller explained the grant agreement and stated that when the Easement Delivery funds are gone the District no longer has to perform the activities in the grant agreement and also that funding for FY17 will be the same as FY16. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Stephens to approve the FY16 & FY17 SWCD Program and Operations Grant Agreement. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: Larson. Motion Carried.

New Business:

1. **SWCD Buffer Law Implementation and MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) Request**—Board and staff discussed which items they would be willing to conduct/carryout as part of the \$25,000.00 Buffer Implementation Grant and the \$6,000.00 for promoting the MAWQCP with a goal of a minimum of 10 signed applications. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve Montonye as the District Authorized Representative to sign the request. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
2. **Buffer Law Q & A**—Board discussed the BWSR Buffer Q & A handout and the soil loss law.
3. **MN Farm Service Agency – Total Cropland for Crop Year 2015**—Handouts were distributed and Board discussed.
4. **Area I Fall Meeting**—The Area I Fall meeting will be held Tuesday, November 3rd in Hallock. No one plans on attending because of the distance to the meeting.

Christenson left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

5. **BWSR Academy**—BWSR Academy will be held October 27th – 29th at Breezy Point north of Brainerd. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Groneberg to authorize any employee that wants to attend with expenses paid. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Lease Agreement**—Grant SWCD is in the process of amending our current lease. FSA cannot accept rent after October 1st, 2015 and we have not been billed for last fiscal year. We're going to do a lease directly with the owner of the building.

Groneberg left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

7. **NRCS Report**—NRCS fiscal year ends September 30th. Gulbrandson is busy with fall construction.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to pay the September 2015 bills #12510 - #12527 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

September minutes were approved at the October 22nd Board meeting