

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 23rd, 2009
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Theo Myron, Personnel Director
Mike Anderson, 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 Anderson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the March 23rd, 2009 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

1. **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**—Mosburg discussed the new guidelines and information about the Freedom of Information Act and how it will affect how business is done in the local office. All SWCD employees have signed the Attachment C and have all been to training on the new rules.

Myron arrived at the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

2. **Summer Area I Meeting**—Board was reminded of the upcoming Area I meeting on Tuesday, June 16th in Ada that the Grant SWCD Board of Supervisors is hosting. Staff will prepare a power point presentation and make all the arrangements. Montonye will contact Paul Brutlag, BWSR Board Member, and see if he would be interested in being a guest speaker at that meeting.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre River Report - Groneberg**—Groneberg was not in attendance to give a report. Montonye reported that the project is ongoing.
2. **Mustinka River TMDL**—The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will be conducting an impaired waters study on the Mustinka River beginning in 2012 and would like the Grant SWCD involved in the study.
3. **State Cost-Share Native Buffer Program**—Rain Gardens are an allowable practice under the native buffer cost-share program for the establishment of plants and the construction costs could be covered under the regular cost-share program. Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Anderson to allow rain gardens under the native buffer program and regular state cost-share program. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
4. **Legislative Update**—Montonye read the news release “Governor Pawlenty and Area Legislators Announce Flood Relief Package for Red River Valley”. BWSR may be receiving \$500,000 to acquire easements from landowners in the disaster area to protect soil and water quality and for flood control efforts and 1 million to install, repair or rehabilitate erosion and sediment control projects in the disaster area including road and culvert washouts.
5. **Farmbill Assistance Grant**—Montonye informed the Board that we will be receiving the Farmbill assistance grant for the next two years.

Motion was made Christenson, seconded by Anderson to pay the April 2009 bills #11204 - #11224 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Myron to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Minutes were approved May 28th, 2009

***Next Board Meeting – Thursday, May 28th, @ 9:00 a.m.
Please call if you are unable to attend.***