

Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
Minutes
Thursday, August 28th, 2008

The Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District held its August regular meeting on Thursday, August 28th, 2008 at the Grant SWCD Office. Supervisors present included: Randy Larson, Arley Ellingson, Odell Christenson, Ted Myron and Joel Hildebrandt. NRCS staff present included: Drew Mosburg and Brent Gulbrandson. District staff present included: Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson. Guests included: Pete Waller, BWSR and Colleen Oestreich, Assistant State Conservations for Field Operations for NRCS.

Vice-Chairman Ellingson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Christenson to approve the Secretary's report from the July 24th, 2008 Board meeting as read. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

New Business:

1. State Cost-Share Policy–Native Buffer Program—Board discussed. Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Hildebrandt to adopt the current policies the District set for the State Cost-Share program. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2. State Cost-Share Contract (Native Buffer) – Olson Family Partnership—Olson reviewed the contract with the Board. Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Christenson to approve the Native Buffer State Cost-Share Contract # NB2008-01 with a cost estimate of \$14,000 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$5,000 for a critical area planting. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

3. Letter to John Jaschke – Reorganization of the JPB's—Larson read the letter to Jaschke expressing Grant SWCD's concerns about the proposed reorganization of the JPB's. Waller is willing to set up a meeting for Jaschke to meet with the Board.

4. FY09 SWCD Grant Agreement—Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Myron to approve the FY2009 Grant Agreement with BWSR in the amount of \$46,087 - \$1,669 RIM Services, \$23,245 General Services and \$21,173 for Cost-Share work. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

5. FY09 Budget—Copies were distributed. Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Myron to approve the proposed budget as present subject to change. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

6. **Pomme de Terre River Report – Hildebrandt**—Hildebrandt was not present at the last meeting so there is no report.

7. **Overview of the Tour**—Board, staff and invited guests had taken a conservation tour the morning of the August Board meeting, touring the North Ottawa project and other conservation items of interest along the way. Board all thought it was a good tour and that we should do it again next year.

Correspondence:

1. **Thank You's from Long Lake Conservation Camp Scholarship Recipients**—Larson read the thank you's from Zach Anderson and Christina Kruize thanking the District for sponsoring them to LLCC.

Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Hildebrandt to pay the listed bills for August, 2008. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Hildebrandt, to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary Jo Knutson
District Coordinator

Minutes Approved September 25th, 2008

Next Board Meeting – Thursday, September 25th, @ 9:00 a.m.