

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 31st, 2010
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Prior to the meeting the Grant Soil & Water Conservation District hosted its annual conservation tour. This year the tour highlighted conservation practices in Sanford, Elbow Lake, Lawrence and Stony Brook townships. Staff and Supervisors attended along with County Commissioners and other invited guests.

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Theo Myron, Personnel Director
Don Dally, 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 Myron to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the July 22nd, 2010 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

New Business:

- 1. Appointment and Oath of Office – Don Dally**—Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Christenson to appoint Don Dally as District Supervisor representing District II for the Grant SWCD Board of Supervisors effective immediately. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Dally took the Oath of Office.

Larson left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Old Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Joint Powers Board**—Montonye had offered his time to help out coordinate the efforts of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC is in the process of finishing a CWF grant for the group. That grant has to be in to the State by September 15th.

New Business: (continued)

2. **Mark Starner – Pomme de Terre Agreement**—Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Christenson to approve the Pomme de Terre Agreement #26-10-01 for Mark Starner in the amount of \$3,964.52 for a buffer strip initiative payment. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **Letter from NRCS State Conservation, Don Baloun**—Groneberg read the letter from Mr. Baloun thanking the District and NRCS for taking the time to meet with him last week. He also gave an open-invitation for Grant SWCD to participate in any and all upcoming Minnesota State Technical Committee meetings.
4. **Report on the Rain Garden Workshop**—Knutson reported that there were approximately 40 people in attendance and 24 households are interested in installing rain gardens on their property. The workshop was open to landowners on Barrett, Pelican and Pomme de Terre Lakes.
5. **AgBMP Loan Program – “Rural” Landowner Qualifications**—Much discussion was held.
Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to set the following policy for the AgBMP Loan Program: All landowners residing in Grant County will be considered rural landowners for the purpose of the AGBMP loan program. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **BWSR – 2011 SWCD Base Grant Application**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Myron to approve the 2011 SWCD Base Grant Application in the amount of \$30,788.00 for the following: Easement Services Base Grant - \$1,403.00, General Services Base Grant \$18,412.00 and State Cost-Share Services - \$10,973.00. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Knutson will forward this to the State for approval.
7. **2010 BWSR Academy**—Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Christenson to approve attendance for the staff at the 2010 BWSR Academy October 26-28 if they want to attend. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **Cost-Share Amendment – Norbert Evavold**—Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Christenson to approve Amendment #A2009-04 for Norbert Evavold from a completion date of 12/31/2010 to 12/31/2011. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

9. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg reported that he has been busy with CSP and drainage requests and he has been asked to sit on an EQIP local work group in which there has been 2 selected from each area.
10. **Tour Feedback**—Everyone thought the tour of the Working Lands Initiative area was very interesting and educational. The tour was very well attended this year.
11. **Chippewa River Representative**—Groneberg appointed Dally to the Chippewa River Watershed Joint Powers Board (JPB).

Motion was made Myron, seconded by Christenson to pay the August 2010 bills #11479 - #11499 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Minutes were approved at the September 23rd Meeting

***Next Board Meeting – Thursday, September 23rd @ 8:00 a.m.
PLEASE call if you are unable to attend.***