

***Grant SWCD  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008***

The Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District held its December regular meeting on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Grant SWCD Office. Supervisors present included: Randy Larson, Arley Ellingson and Paul Groneberg. NRCS staff present included: Drew Mosburg. District staff present included: Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson.

**Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.**

**Oath of Office**— Groneberg took the Oath of Office and Chairman Larson signed the Oath of Office and welcomed Groneberg to the Board.

**Chairman Larson thanked Ellingson and presented him with a wildlife print for his 16 years of dedication to the Grant SWCD Board of Supervisors.**

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Groneberg to approve the Secretary's report from the November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Board meeting as read with the following correction: New Business item #1 should read: Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Christenson to approve the RIM/WRP Assistance Agreement with BWSR in the amount of \$8,000 based on *receiving* \$2,000/application with Grant County having 4 applications. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

**Old Business:**

**1. Working Lands Initiative (WLI) Update**—Montonye gave an update on the WLI project. Market value adjustment payments have been made to Bergerud and Anderson. Kube/Swift and Big Lake will be target areas that will be open to landowners.

**2. Grant SWCD FY2007 Office Rent**—Montonye informed the Board that since the last Board meeting we received a bill from FSA for FY07, FY08 and FY09 office rent due. Grant SWCD paid FSA for rent due for FY07 and FY08.

## **New Business:**

1. **Pomme de Terre Report - Groneberg**—Groneberg attended his first PdT meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>. He reported that the intentions of that group are to develop and implement a plan for restoring the turbidity and fecal coliform levels to within the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) established.
2. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg reported that the NRCS audit has been completed. As of today there has been no money allocated for EQIP but Mosburg does have a list of 12 people who are interested in signing up once the money becomes available.
3. **2009 Budget**—All of our FY09 state grants have been received so there is no risk of that money being “unallocated”. We received a 3% increase from the County and our 2009 allocation will be \$75,350. The 2010 budget will be reviewed mid-year 2009.
4. **CCRP Priorities**—Board discussed the current policy that we have been using as a guideline on assisting landowners and approving CCRP contracts. Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Groneberg to continue to use this policy that the District has set for CCRP projects and projects that don't fall under this policy will be on a “no priority” list and NRCS will have to deal with those. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

## **Correspondence:**

1. **Notice of Pay Equity Non-Compliance**—Montonye informed the Board that the District had received a notice of pay equity non-compliance from the 2008 report submitted. Montonye will get more information prior to the January meeting.
2. **Area II Emergency Meeting**—The new MASWCD areas were approved at the state convention. There will be an Area II emergency meeting on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> in Breckenridge. Larson and Knutson plan on attending.
3. **Conservation Tillage Conference**—There will be a conservation tillage conference in Morton on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Mosburg plans on attending.
4. **2009 Dues – WesMin RC&D and MASWCD**—District will not pay the 2009 WesMin RC&D dues in the amount of \$400. Payment of the 2009 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$1,850 was tabled.

Motion was made Ellingson, seconded by Groneberg to pay bills #11145 - #11160 and all debit card payments for December, 2008. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***Next Board Meeting – Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, @ 9:00 a.m.***