

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 22nd, 2011
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
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Theo Myron, Personnel Director
Don Dally, Member

Members Absent: Odell Christenson, Treasurer

Others Present: Drew Mosburg, NRCS
Joe, Montonye and Loren Olson, Grant SWCD

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the November 23rd, 2011 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

- 1. SWCD FY2011 Rent**—Montonye informed the Board that FSA had finally sent a bill to the SWCD for FY2011 rent. Since this bill was received prior to the December 31st deadline established at a prior meeting, the SWCD will send FSA a check for the full amount.

New Business:

- 1. Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg gave a report on the Pomme de Terre River Assn. JPB meeting held December 16th, 2011 in Morris. Copy of the report attached.

New Business: (continued)

2. **Permitted Tiling Within the Bois de Sioux Watershed**—Montonye handed out a map of the Bois de Sioux Watershed showing the trend in tile permits issued in the Watershed. Discussion included benefits of tile as well as some of the negative aspects of the increased tiling activity.
3. **FY2009 Final Financial Report – State Cost-Share Program**—Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Dally to approve the Final Financial Report for FY2009 for the State Cost-Share Program. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Larson signed the report.
4. **CWF Grants – Pomme de Terre & Mustinka**—Montonye updated the Board on CWF grant application for the Pomme de Terre and Mustinka River Watersheds. Both applications have been approved by BWSR for the full amount. Work plans will be developed in January, and if all goes as planned, funds should be available in March or April.
5. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg gave the Board an update on NRCS activities, CSP sign-up, EQIP sign-up and several personnel changes that will be occurring at the NRCS Area Office.
6. **Homework Assignment**—Board members and staff present discussed the issue of changing population and land ownership and what these changes will mean to the SWCD and the soil and water resources into the future.

Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Dally to pay December 2011 bills check #11738 - #11752 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Myron and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

December Minutes were approved at the January 26th, 2012 Meeting.

Pomme de Terre River Joint Powers Board Report

December 16, 2011

By Paul Groneberg

County Funding – using as an unallocated reserve. 59% or \$54,733 is remaining.

GRANT UPDATE

Turbidity TMDL – final implementation plan has been approved by MCPA. We can now link future grant applications to this plan.

Fecal 319(2009-2013) – Only \$5200 in project funds is left when a buffer project was cancelled.. 64% of total funds spent. Required annual meeting will be scheduled for February.

Surface Water Assessment(2011 – 2013) – 30% spent but all monitoring is complete. Brett gave a short presentation on these results. . . .

Major Watershed project(2011-2013) – 5% of funds have been spent. on-going Lake Monitoring. A stakeholder meeting will likely be scheduled this winter in coordination with the Fecal 319 meeting. . . .

Dept. of Ag grant submitted for \$22,000. This would be a monitoring project. There was discussion on whether there were time for this.

CLEAN WATER GRANTS

2011 Clean Water Grant(2011-2012) – 29% spent. Now down to about \$50,000 in project money left.

Grant Co. Buffer goal was 125 acres with 289.5 acres completed. Wetlands goal was 200 acres with 126 acres completed.

NEW 2012 Clean Water Grant(2012-2014) – a total of \$350,000 with about \$115,000 for Grant County.

These funds are for project development. When projects are ready to go, additional project funds will be requested in the second phase of the grant.

OTHER

*All grants are now reimbursable. Some concern for cash flow from Stevens County as the fiscal agent.

*Owned car feasibility discussed – one suggestion that a watershed proportion by county be contributed.

*New impaired waters list from MPCA – meeting January 24 at McKinneys in Benson, 2-4 pm.

Likey 10 new impairments in the Pomme de terre watershed.

FUTURE MEETING

Joint Powers Board next meeting is scheduled for February 10.