

***Grant SWCD
Board Meeting Minutes
February 28th, 2008***

The Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District held its February regular meeting on Thursday, February 28th, 2008 at the Grant SWCD Office. Supervisors present included: Randy Larson, Arley Ellingson, Odell Christenson and Joel Hildebrandt. NRCS staff present included: Brent Gulbrandson. District staff present included: Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson.

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

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

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

Old Business:

1. **2008 MASWCD Dues**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Ellingson to table a decision on paying the \$1,850.00 MASWCD dues until the March meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
2. **District Computers**—Board discussed. NRCS/Washington is currently paying for 1 SWCD computer seat and NRCS/Minnesota is currently willing to pay for one SWCD computer seat on a "buy one/get one free" basis for a fee of \$3,000.00. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Hildebrandt to pursue the agreement NRCS is proposing but to continue to check on prices for the District going on its own. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **2008 Annual Plan of Work**—Board went through the 2008 annual plan and made changes to the plan. Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Ellingson to approve Grant SWCD's 2008 Annual Plan of Work with the changes discussed. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Knutson will forward this plan to the appropriate agencies.

New Business:

1. **Payment of State Cost-Share Contract – Les Bredeson**—Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Ellingson to approve payment of State Cost-Share contract #2007-03 for a critical area stabilization project in the amount of \$4,200.00. Actual costs of the project were \$5,837.30. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
2. **Area II Meeting**—The spring Area II meeting will be Thursday, March 13th in Morris. Knutson will send registration in for Larson, Montonye and Knutson.
3. **New CRP Program – SAFE CP-38**—Staff informed the Board of a new CRP program CP-38. This will be a continuous sign-up and landowners should be able to participate by late March or early April.

Correspondence:

1. **Thank You from the Area II Envirothon**—Larson read the thank you from the Area II Envirothon Committee thanking them for the \$150.00 contribution.

Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Christenson to pay bills #10946 - #10965 and all debit card payments for February, 2008. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Ellingson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Next Board Meeting – Thursday, March 27th, @ 9:00 a.m.