

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 25th, 2010
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Mike Anderson, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman
Theo Myron, Personnel Director

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 Christenson, seconded by Anderson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the January 27th, 2010 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

- 1. Rural Preserves Property Tax Program**—Board discussed the Green Acres Property Tax Program that is now being replaced by the Rural Preserves Program. Rural vacant land that used to be eligible for the Green Acres Program now must either be removed from the tax relief program or rolled into the Rural Preserves Program and they have until May 1, 2013 to complete this transition. The SWCD will serve as the approval authority of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) and need to establish a fee schedule for providing these services. After discussion Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to authorize staff to write the plans and to set the following fees: Planner approval - \$100; Plan development - \$400; and Plan approval - \$100 and designate the Grant SWCD Board to approve the plans. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg reported that the TMDL is getting started and that there will be a joint Technical/JPB meeting on Friday, March 19th and Kim Lang will be the guest speaker. Groneberg stated that the criteria and policy for incentive payments on filter strips did not change. They have also applied for a \$3,500 grant to monitor for stress indicators.
2. **Agreement with USF&WS for Tom Swift Wetland Restoration**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to approve the Agreement with USF&WS for the Tom Swift Wetland Restoration. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Agreement with NRCS**—Mosburg reviewed with the Board. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to approve the Natural Resources Conservation Service Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
4. **Governors Proposed BWSR Budget**—As it stands today, the BWSR cuts will not affect us.
5. **2010 Annual Plan of Work**—Board reviewed the 2009 Plan of Work and made changes for the 2010 Annual Plan of Work. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to approve the 2010 Annual Plan of Work with the changes discussed. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Knutson will forward the 2010 Annual Plan of Work to Pete Waller (BWSR) and post it on the Grant SWCD website.
6. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Charles Long**—Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Christenson to approve the State Cost-Share Assistance Contract #2009-01 for Charles Long for a riparian buffer with a cost estimate of \$4,500 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$3,375 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Mark Franklin**—Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Christenson to approve the State Cost-Share Assistance Contract #2009-02 for Mark Franklin for a field windbreak with a cost estimate of \$6,000 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$4,500 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Mark Lang**—Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Christenson to approve the State Cost-Share Assistance Contract #2009-03 for Mark Lang for a field windbreak with a cost estimate of \$5,000 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$3,750 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

- 9. Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Norbert Evavold**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to approve the State Cost-Share Assistance Contract #2009-04 for Norbert Evavold for a grassed waterway with a cost estimate of \$9,000 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$3,750 which will be piggy backed with EQIP funding of \$3,000 for a total cost-share of \$6,750 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Approval is contingent on review of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) rules. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 10. Area 1 Meeting**—The Spring Area 1 meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18th in Ada. No one at this meeting plans on attending. Knutson will contact Larson and see if he would like to attend.
- 11. Water Plan Amendment**—Montonye updated the Board on the water plan meeting that was held yesterday, March 24th and discussed some of the issues/ideas that were brought up with that group. There will be another meeting in March.

Motion was made Christenson, seconded by Anderson to pay the February 2010 bills #11379 - #11391 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

February Minutes were approved March 25th, 2010

***Next Board Meeting – Thursday, March 25th, @ 9:00 a.m.
Please call if you are unable to attend.***