

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 25th, 2015
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Don Dally, Personnel Director

Members Absent: Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Larry Stephens, 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 Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the January 22nd, 2015 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

1. **Minnesota Dept. of Ag – Nitrogen Conference**—The Minnesota Department of Ag will be holding its 1st annual “Nitrogen: Minnesota’s Grand Challenge & Compelling Opportunity Conference” at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Cloud on March 6th, 2015. Larson and Groneberg are planning on attending at this time. Per Diem and mileage will be paid to those attending.
2. **Legislative Update**—The Funding Initiative and Governor Dayton’s new buffer proposal were discussed.

Old Business:

1. **2015 Revised Budget**—A revised budget was presented to the Board. The main change was to personal services because we decided not to hire another individual at this time and also we put the remodeling project on hold. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the 2015 revised budget. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Montonye gave an update on the last JPB and TAC meetings he attended including the 2015 CWF funds Grant SWCD will be receiving. Jared House, Pomme de Terre Coordinator will be conducting a Watershed Academy in Elbow Lake on April 17th and 18th.
2. **Grant SWCD 2015 Annual Plan of Work**—Board reviewed the 2014 plan and made changes for 2015. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the 2015 Annual Plan of Work for Grant SWCD with the discussed changes. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **Area I Meeting – Tuesday, March 31st**—The Spring Area I meeting will be held in Crookston on Tuesday, March 31st. Grant SWCD will be the host District for this meeting.
4. **State Cost-Share Application – Jim Franklin**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the State Cost-Share Contract for Jim Franklin for a Critical Area Planting in the amount of \$7,000.00 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$5,000.00 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **State Cost-Share Application – North Niemackl Hunt Club, LLC**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the State Cost-Share Contract for the North Niemackl Hunt Club, LLC for a Critical Area Planting in the amount of \$2,100.00 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$1,575.00 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Randall Hedke / RIM Issue**—Board and staff discussed the RIM Easement #26-01-11-10 for Randall Hedke. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to table this item until there was a full board present. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

7. RIM Policies— Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to table this item until there was a full board present. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

8. NRCS Report—Gulbrandson has been working on EQIP/WRP designs. Mosburg has been working with new CSP applications and CSP renewals. Bill Hunt, the former NRCS State Conservation has passed away. The Elbow Lake Field Office will be having an administrative assistant one day a week.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to pay the February 2015 bills #12399 - #12413 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

February Minutes were approved at the March 26th, Board Meeting.