

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 23rd, 2014
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Don Dally, Member
Larry Stephens, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chair

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the December 26th, 2013 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

- MASWCD / U of M Webinar: Minnesota's Waters---**There will be a webinar on Wednesday, February 19th, 2014 from 10:00 – 11:00 on "Minnesota's Waters: Status & Challenges". If anyone is interested they can come to the office and watch it here or participate from home.

New Business:

- 1. Reorganization of the Board and Committee Appointments – Pomme de Terre River Association JPB, Chippewa River Project JPB, Technical Service Area (TSA) #1 JPB and Secretary to the Board of Supervisors**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to maintain all the Board positions for 2014 the same as they were in 2013. Which are as follows: Chair – Randy Larson, Vice-Chair – Paul Groneberg, Treasurer – Odell Christenson, Personal Director – Don Dally and Member-at-Large – Larry Stephens.

Committee representatives for 2014 will be as follows: Groneberg to the Pomme de Terre River Association JPB, Dally to the Chippewa River Project, Christenson to the Technical Service Area #1 JPB with Larson being the alternate, and Knutson will serve as Secretary to the Board. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

- 2. Grants Updates**—It was the recommendation of the CWF Review Committee that we receive ½ of the requested amount in the Pomme de Terre Watershed and no funds in the Mustinka Watershed for the 2014 CWF Grant Period. This has not been finalized yet. We were not selected to participate in the interview process for the grant through the Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program. The JPB will be hiring a new coordinator by March 1st.
- 3. Legislative Day at the Capital**—Legislative Day at the Capital will be held March 24-25 in St. Paul. Board will discuss again at the February Board Meeting.
- 4. Truck Purchase – 2014 Ford F150**—The District has put \$500 down on a 2014 Ford F150 pickup that will be delivered this spring.
- 5. MN River Basin Discussion**—A new Minnesota River Basin Board is being proposed – Board discussed. Grant SWCD needs to take a position on this proposal before the Legislative Day at the Capital. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to table any further discussion until the February 2014 Board Meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 6. One Watershed, One Plan Discussion**—Board Discussed. BWSR is requesting comments on the One Watershed, One Plan Draft Suggested Boundary Map which outlines future planning areas for initiating and developing plans through the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program.
- 7. 2014 Dues – NACD, MASWCD and Area I--** Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to not pay the \$775.00 NACD dues for 2014. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. **MASWCD Dues:** Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Christenson to pay the \$1,966.50 MASWCD dues for 2014. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None Motion Carried. **Area I Dues:** Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to pay the \$150.00 Area I dues for 2014. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

- 8. Designate Depository for District Funds**— Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to continue with the checking and savings accounts at Bank of the West in Elbow Lake and to continue to shop around when purchasing a certificate of deposit for the best interest rate as they mature. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 9. Mileage Rates and Supervisor Compensation Rates**— Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to use the IRS standard mileage rate of \$.56/mile for 2014 and continue to pay supervisor compensation at a rate of \$75/day (the maximum). Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 10. NRCS Report**—There will be a National Soil Health Summit in Morris on February 18th from 8:30am to noon. Christenson, Stephens, Montonye, Olson and Mosburg are planning on attending at this time. Mosburg will also invite a couple of local producers. Gulbrandson has been working on WRP and Mosburg has been working on CSP.
- 11. Review Personnel Evaluations**— Montonye reviewed the personnel evaluations for Knutson and Olson. Dally reviewed Montonye's personnel evaluation. Complete personnel reviews are on file at the SWCD office.
- 12. Review Employee Salaries--** Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve 2014 employee salary proposal as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed None. Motion Carried. (proposal attached)

Motion was made Christenson, seconded by Dally to pay the 2013 Year-End bills #12188 - #12203 and all debit card withdrawals as presented and the January 2014 bills #12204 - #12210 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:50am. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

January Minutes were approved at the February 27th, 2014 Board Meeting.