

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 22nd, 2015
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
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Don Dally, Personnel Director
Larry Stephens, Member

Others Present: Drew Mosburg, 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 December 30th, 2014 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

1. **"Dayton wants tougher water and wildlife protection laws"**—Board discussed Governor Dayton's new proposal that would require every lake and river in the state to be buffered by a wide strip of natural land, a significant step toward protecting both water and wildlife.
2. **SWCD Funding Initiative**—Board discussed. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Stephens to support the proposed funding recommendation "SWCDs should have the discretion to establish a fee for technical and administrative capacity within their respective district". Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: (continued)

3. **MASWCD 2015 Legislative Platform**—Board discussed the handout from MASWCD on the 2015 legislative platform.

New Business:

1. **Oath of Office – Larson and Groneberg**—Larson and Groneberg took the Oath of Office and signed – Joan Koep, Notary witnessed the signatures and signed.
2. **Reorganization of the Board and Committee Appointments – Pomme de Terre River Association JPB, Technical Service Area (TSA) #1 JPB and Secretary to the Board of Supervisors**— **Chairman:** Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Christenson to elect Larson to the office of Chairman. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chair: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to elect Groneberg to the office of Vice-Chair. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Treasurer: Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to elect Christenson to the office of Treasurer. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Personnel Director: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to elect Dally to the position of Personnel Director. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Member-at-Large: Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Christenson to elect Stephens to the position of Member-at-Large. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Larson made the following committee appointments for 2015: Groneberg to the Pomme de Terre River Association JPB, Stephens to the Technical Service Area #1 JPB with Christenson being the alternate, and Knutson will serve as Secretary to the Board.

3. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Handout were distributed and discussed on the 2012, 2013 and 2014 Clean Water Fund Grants and various other grants.
4. **State Cost-Share Contract – Rick Mickelson**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to approve the State Cost-Share Assistance contract for Rick Mickelson for a Critical Area Planting with a cost estimate of \$2,500.00 and cost-sharing not to exceed \$1,875.00 or 75% whichever is less. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

5. **Request from Area I Envirothon Committee for a Donation**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the request of \$200.00 from the Area I Envirothon committee to sponsor the Junior and Senior Envirothons. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

6. **2014 Dues - NACD, MASWCD and Area 1—NACD Dues:** Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to NOT pay the 2015 NACD dues. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MASWCD Dues: Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Christenson to pay the 2015 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$2,248.70. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Area I Dues: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to pay the 2015 Area I dues in the amount of \$150.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

7. **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: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Stephens. Opposed: Dally. Motion Carried.

8. **Mileage Rates and Supervisor Compensation Rates**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to use the IRS standard mileage rate of \$.57 ½ /mile for 2015 and continue to pay supervisor compensation at a rate of \$74/day (the maximum). Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

9. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg discussed the importance of Civil Rights and EEO with the Supervisors and Staff. The Affirmation of Review was signed by all the Supervisors. Mosburg has been working on CSP renewals and payments and updated the Board on the upcoming program sign-up periods

10. **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.

11. **Review Employee Salaries**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the 2015 employee salary proposal as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to pay the 2014 Year-End bills #12380 - #12391 and all debit card withdrawals as presented and the January 2015 bills #12390 - #12398 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

January 2015 Minutes were approved at the February 25th, 2015 Meeting.