

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 23rd, 2009
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
Theo Myron, Personnel Director
Mike Anderson, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman

Others Present: Drew Mosburg, Brent Gulbrandson, NRCS
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD
Guest - Pete Waller, Board of Water & Soil Resources

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Christenson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the June 25th, 2009 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

New Business:

- 1. Guest – Pete Waller - BWSR**—Waller had handouts of “Overview of BWSR 2009 Legislative Summary” and discussed some of the new grants that would be available to Districts. It was also noted that cost-share grants would be reduced for FY2010-2011 but Districts would be able to use all or part of that money for technical assistance (not just the 20%) to off set additional expenses to assist landowners with conservation programs. Board was in favor of doing this for FY2010 and FY2011. There is currently still cost-share money available from FY2009 for projects.

New Business: (continued)

2. **Request from the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC)**—At the June meeting of the Area 1 MASWCD, there was a unanimous vote by Area 1 members in favor of signing the RRBC Resolution of Support. Now the RRBC is asking individual Districts and County Boards to also sign the resolution. The Grant County Commissioners tabled the request at their last meeting. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to also table the request until the Commissioners have made a decision. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **FY2010 Budget**—Montonye has to present our FY2010 budget to the Commissioners at their September meeting. Christenson should come in and spend some time with Montonye and Knutson preparing the budget for the Grant SWCD August board meeting for approval.
4. **Conservation Security Program (CSP)**—There is going to be a nationwide CSP sign up starting in August some time. Mosburg and Gulbrandson will be attending a 2 day training session in the first part of August and will know more after that. Mosburg is expecting a large turnout based on what information on the program he has so far.

Old Business:

1. **Review Salaries**—Tabled since January. Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Christenson to give all employees a 2% salary increase. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
2. **Summer Tour**—Invites were handed out. Tour will be held, Thursday, August 20th. Coffee and cookies will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. We will try and be back to the office around 12:30 p.m. with lunch and board meeting to follow. The tour will include the townships of Erdahl, Pelican Lake and Pomme de Terre.

Motion was made Anderson, seconded by Myron to pay the July 2009 bills #11265 - #11282 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Myron to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Minutes were approved August 20th, 2009

***Next Board Meeting/Tour – Thursday, August 20th, @ 8:00 a.m.
Please call if you are unable to attend.***