

***MINUTES***  
***Board of Supervisors Meeting***  
***July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015***  
***Grant Soil & Water Conservation District***  
***712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531***

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

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

Others Present: 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 June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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.

**Old Business:**

1. **SWCD Governance 101 Training**—Brochures were distributed. Conference will be held September 16 – 17 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud.
2. **Groundwater Workshop**—Workshop will be held Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at Thumper Pond Resort in Otter Tail. The session for local officials is from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**New Business:**

1. **Buffer Law**—A packet of information was handed out to everyone and the Board and staff discussed the new Buffer Legislation and how it will affect the District. It appears guidance will come from BWSR Board Policy.

**New Business: (continued)**

2. **FY16 Farm Bill Assistance Grant Approval**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to give Montonye approval to sign the Farm Bill Assistance Grant when we receive it. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **Office Remodel & Hiring of a Technician**—Discussion was held on hiring a Technician and doing an office remodel to accommodate that person. Board said to offer that position the same health insurance as the rest of the employees. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve moving forward with the office remodel. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Board and staff discussed the District tree program. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to start scaling back on the tree program. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: Larson. Motion Carried.
4. **Amendment to Conservation Practice Assistance Contract – Randy Island**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to approve the Amendment for Randy Island due to increased costs of the Mustinka Watershed Clean Water Fund WASCOB project. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **Conservation Tour**—Grant SWCD will holding a conservation tour on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be touring the Northeast corner of the County. Board meeting will be held that day after lunch.
6. **NRCS Report**—Gulbrandson reported that Mosburg has been working on CSP renewals and Gulbrandson has been working on EQIP and WRP.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to pay the July 2015 bills #12480 - #12490 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 9:40 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***July Minutes were approved at the August 27<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting.***