

***Grant SWCD
Board Meeting Minutes
June 26th, 2008***

The Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District held its June regular meeting on Thursday, June 26th, 2008 at the Grant SWCD Office. Supervisors present included: Randy Larson, Arley Ellingson, Odell Christenson, Theo Myron and Joel Hildebrandt. NRCS staff present included: Drew Mosburg and Brent Gulbrandson. District staff present included: Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson. Guest: Pete Waller (BWSR).

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Ellingson to approve the Secretary's report from the May 22nd, 2008 Board meeting as read. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

1. **2008 MASWCD Dues**—Motion was made by Hildebrandt to pay the 2008 MASWCD dues. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

New Business:

1. **Guest – Pete Waller (BWSR)**—Handouts of the 2008 BWSR Legislative Summary and the Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) were distributed and discussed.
2. **Report on Pomme de Terre Meeting - Hildebrandt**—Hildebrandt reported that the Pomme de Terre group is in the process of writing an implementation policy on the TMDL study.
3. **Upcoming Supervisor Election**—The filing period for the upcoming supervisor election is July 1st – July 15th. Districts 1, 2 and 4 are up for re-election this year. Currently Myron represents District 1, Ellingson represents District 2 and Christenson represents District 4.

New Business: (continued)

4. **District Copy Machine**—The District has signed an agreement with FSA to use their new copy machine on a cost per copy basis and has no need for their current copy machine. Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Myron to donate the District copy machine to the Grant County Fair Board. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Larson abstained from the vote.
5. **Report on NPEA JPB Meeting**—Handouts were distributed on the recommendations of the work group. The proposal would go from 11 JPBs down to 8 JPBs. Board discussed. It was the decision of the Board to have Montonye write a letter to BWSR recommending that the engineers and technicians become BWSR employees and dissolve the JPBs.
6. **Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) – Enforcement Activity**—Montonye updated the Board on the wetland violations that occurred in the County last fall and the status of those violations.
7. **WLI – Incentive Payments on Grassland Easements**—Grant SWCD will be receiving \$53,800 from DNR to issue payments to 3 landowners for permanent easements in the Denton slough area.
8. **Carbon Credits on CRP – SWCD Role**—The possibility of offering incentives for carbon credits on CRP filter strips was discussed. Staff will pursue the idea and report back to the Board.

Correspondence:

1. **NRCS Rent Agreement**—Montonye explained that the District had received a contribution agreement from NRCS for 2007 rent due, but the District has an agreement with FSA to pay 2007 rent. Montonye suggested not paying NRCS until we get a confirmation from FSA on cancellation of their agreement. Board concurred.

Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Ellingson to pay bills #11037 - #11059 and all debit card payments for June, 2008. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Myron to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson, Myron and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Next Board Meeting – Thursday, July 24th @ 9:00 a.m.