

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 25th, 2009
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Mike Anderson, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman
Theo Myron, Personnel Director

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the May 28th, 2009 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

1. **Working Lands Initiative (WLI) Update**—Montonye distributed handouts on all the accomplishments of the Grant SWCD in the WLI project areas.
2. **Review Salaries**—Tabled.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre River Report**—Groneberg reported that surveying in the watershed will continue throughout the summer. There is going to be dollars coming from MPCA for turbidity testing. Hopefully money will be going to SWCD's in the future for implementation activities.

New Business: (continued)

2. **Area I Meeting Report**—Christenson reported that the meeting was well attended with 55 supervisors, staff and other agencies present, however, the meeting got a little long and there wasn't sufficient time for the speaker at the end of the meeting before lunch.
3. **EQIP Report**—Mosburg reported that there were 7 applications for a total of \$559,437. Grant County's initial allocation is \$100,000 so only the top priority projects will get funded. Mosburg also reported that there will be a Conservation Cropping Systems Project (CCSP) tour in Forman, ND on Thursday July 9th if anyone is interested in attending.
4. **New WCA Fact Sheet**—"Wetlands on Ag Land in Minnesota" handouts were distributed. The publication was put out by NRCS and BWSR regarding how to handle NRCS form AD1026 and states the following: "Bring a copy to the SWCD and explain what you plan to do and the SWCD can advise you if your project is allowed under the state law, WCA, or if you need to submit an application to the local government. Involving your local SWCD is the easiest and best way to avoid problems". Board discussed the amount of work this could generate for the District with very little compensation from the State to administer WCA.
5. **Payment of State Cost-Share Contract – Mark Lang**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to approve payment of State Cost-Share Contract #2008-04 for Mark Lang in the amount of \$3,456.38 for a field windbreak. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Payment of State Cost-Share Contract – Olson Family Partnership**—Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Christenson to approve payment of State Cost-Share Contract #NB2008-01 for Olson Family Partnership in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a critical area planting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Approval of State Cost-Share Application – Mark Lang**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Anderson to approve the State Cost-Share Application for Mark Lang with a cost estimate of \$6,000 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$4,500 or 75 percent of the total eligible cost, which ever is less. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Of the \$4,500 approved \$3,000 will come out of the 2008 native buffer cost-share funds and the remaining \$1,500 will come from 2008 regular cost-share funds.
8. **Summer Tour**—Board would like to do a summer tour in conjunction with the August Board meeting which would be August 27th but the Board would like to re-schedule that meeting to August 20th instead.
9. **Budget Report**—Montonye stated that most of our BWSR grants are going to stay the same or about the same except for the State Cost-Share money which for FY2010 will be about ½ the regular allocation.

New Business: (continued)

10. Review Charges for Services – Wetland Banking—Board discussed. Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Christenson to keep the per hour rate for wetland banking at \$75.00/hour which is consistent with what the JPB engineer charges. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made Christenson, seconded by Anderson to pay the June 2009 bills #11247 - #11264 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Christenson to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Minutes were approved July 23rd, 2009

***Next Board Meeting – Thursday, July 23rd, @ 9:00 a.m.
Please call if you are unable to attend.***