

***MINUTES***  
***Board of Supervisors Meeting***  
***March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009***  
***Grant Soil & Water Conservation District***  
***712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531***

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman  
Theo Myron, Personnel Director  
Mike Anderson, Member

Members Absent: Odell Christenson, Treasurer  
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman

Others Present: Brent Gulbrandson, NRCS  
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Anderson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

**Correspondence:**

1. **Barnes Aastad Annual Meeting**—The Barnes Aastad Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. **Waffle Project**—The conclusions of the Energy & Environmental Research Center's (EERC) Waffle Project was discussed. The project is designed to temporarily store springtime runoff in existing "depressions" within the basin, primarily ditches and low-lying fields bound by roads.

**New Business:**

1. **Area I Report - Larson**—Larson and Montonye attended the meeting in Ada on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Les Bensch was the guest speaker who serves on the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council. That Council provides annual recommendations to the legislature on appropriations of money from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF). Board discussed.
2. **Pomme de Terre River Report**—The fecal testing has been completed and they are currently working on turbidity. Pomme de Terre, Pelican and Barrett Lakes will be monitored this year.
3. **Chippewa River Report**—Anderson attended the Chippewa River annual meeting in Starbuck on March 19<sup>th</sup> and gave a report on that meeting.
4. **Area I June Meeting – Hosed by Grant SWCD**—Grant SWCD is hosting the June 16<sup>th</sup> Area I summer meeting. Montonye will put together a power point presentation for the meeting and also ask Paul Brutlag from Wendell (BWSR Board member) to be the guest speaker. All Board members are encouraged to attend.
5. **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**—District staff attended a meeting in Alexandria on the Freedom of Information Act. Staff is being asked by NRCS to sign an agreement that they will follow the FOIA rules. Montonye will draft a landowner waiver form that also covers the District regarding the State of Minnesota Data Practices Act.
6. **Working Lands Initiative (WLI) Report**—Montonye had a hand-out on the WLI applications/contracts we have gotten so far on the project. There have been a total of 17 applications with 973.6 acres being applied for. Thirteen applications have been funded through DNR grants and the remaining 4 applications are pending.

Motion was made Myron, seconded by Anderson to pay the March 2009 bills #11189 - #11203 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Myron to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.. Affirmative: Larson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***Minutes were approved April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009***

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