

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 26th, 2015
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Don Dally, Personnel Director

Members Absent: 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 February 25th, 2015 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

1. **Randall Hedke / RIM Issue**—Board discussed the letter from Randall Hedke. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to close the meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed None. Motion Carried. Larson re-opened the meeting. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally that the letter from Randall Hedke does not constitute a legitimate request to remove the land from the easement and does not express any benefit in doing so. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Old Business: (Continued)

2. **RIM Policies**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to invite Pete Waller, BWSR Conservationist to a SWCD meeting to discuss the issues that the District has encountered with the RIM program. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg reported on the last JPB meeting he attended and where we're at with the 2013, 2014 and 2015 grants. Jared House will be giving a Watershed Academy in Elbow Lake on April 17th & 18th – all are invited to attend.
2. **Legislative Update**—Handouts were distributed. Governor Mark Dayton's proposed buffer initiative was discussed along with the proposed appropriations for SWCD's
3. **Area I Meeting – Tuesday, March 31st**—The Area I Meeting will be held in Crookston on Tuesday, March 31st. Larson, Groneberg and Dally plan on attending at this time.
4. **Adopt State Cost-Share Rates / Iowa Farm Custom Rates / Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: In-kind rates for matching funds**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to adopt the Grant SWCD State Cost-Share Rates, Iowa Farm Custom Rates and the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program rates as the in-kind rates for matching funds for Grant SWCD. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion carried.
5. **CRP Update – Rental Rates**—Olson gave a brief update on the CRP rental rates and the potential they could be increasing.
6. **Approval of Pomme de Terre CWF Cost-Share Application – Becky Westrom/Troy Rupp**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the Pomme de Terre CWF Cost-Share Application for Becky Westrom/Troy Rupp for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$7,960.92 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$5,910.00 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Chuck Meidl**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the State Cost-Share Contract for Check Meidl for a Critical Area Planting in the amount of \$500.00 with cost-sharing not to exceed \$375.00 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **NRCS Report**—Gulbrandson reported that a new State Conservationist had been hired and as of April 1st we will no longer be doing wetland determinations on the local level.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to pay the March 2015 bills #12414 - #12440 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

March minutes were approved at the April 23rd, Board Meeting.