

***Grant SWCD
Board Meeting Minutes
May 22nd, 2008***

The Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District held its May regular meeting on Thursday, May 22nd, 2008 at the Grant SWCD Office. Supervisors present included: Arley Ellingson, Odell Christenson and Joel Hildebrandt. NRCS staff present included: Drew Mosburg. District staff present included: Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Christenson to approve the Secretary's report from the April 24th, 2008 Board meeting as read. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

1. **2008 MASWCD Dues**—Tabled.

New Business:

1. **Report on Pomme de Terre Meeting - Hildebrandt**—Hildebrandt reported that a new Pomme de Terre technician had been hired and discussed other business from the meeting.
2. **Phase VIII Farm Bill Assistance Grant**—Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Ellingson to approve the Phase VIII Farm Bill Assistance Grant in the amount of \$40,500 with a \$4,500 match from the SWCD. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **Payment of State Cost-Share Contract – Florence Christians Trust**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Hildebrandt to approve payment of State Cost-Share Contract #2008-01 for a Critical Area Stabilization Project. Total cost of the project was \$6,863.53 with cost-share payment amount approved of \$5,000.00 based on 75%. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

4. **Payment of State Cost-Share Contract – LeRoy Thorstad**—Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Christenson to approve payment of State Cost-Share Contract #2008-03 for a Field Windbreak. Total cost of the project was \$3,563.55 with cost-share payment amount approved of \$2,625.00 based on 75%. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **Conservation Camp Scholarships**—Requests from three children to attend conservation camps were discussed. Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Christenson to approve payment of \$225/child to attend camp. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1. **Area II Meeting Information**—Area II meeting will be held Thursday, June 12th by Rothsay. Registration is due June 2nd so if anyone wants to attend they should contact the office by that date.
2. **Public Forums for Feedback on a Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan**—There is a meeting tonight in Morris – Montonye plans on attending.
3. **Conservation Lands Summary**—Copies were distributed and Board discussed.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Hildebrandt to pay bills #11007 - #11036 and all debit card payments for May, 2008. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Christenson to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson and Hildebrandt. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Next Board Meeting – Thursday, June 26th @ 9:00 a.m.