

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
May 28th, 2015
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Odell Christenson, Treasurer

Others Present: Drew Mosburg, Brent Gulbrandson, NRCS
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD
Pete Waller, Board of Water and Soil Resources
Mark Kulig, NRCS ASCFO Fergus Falls

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Groneberg to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the April 23rd, 2015 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Guests: Doug & Nicole Melaas RIM Easement: Doug and Nicole Melaas attended the meeting at 8:15 a.m. Maps of their RIM Riparian Buffer area were distributed and Board discussed with the Melaas'. The following questions were asked of them?

Do you know and understand where the boundaries of the RIM Easement are? Both answered "yes".
Have you read and understand your RIM Easement? Both answered "yes".

Correspondence:

1. **Area I Resolutions Meeting**—The Area I Resolutions Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 23rd at McCollum's in Bejou. Stephens, Dally and Knutson plan on attending at this time.
2. **Statewide Conservation Lands Summary**—Handouts were distributed and Board discussed.
3. **Groundwater Workshops for SWCD's**—The purpose of the groundwater workshops is to provide information for SWCDs to promote the sustainable use and management of Minnesota's groundwater resources. There will be one at Thumper Pond in Ottertail on Wednesday, July 29th. Larson plans on attending at this time.
4. **Pomme de Terre River Canoe Trips**—There will be a canoe trip on part of the Grant County portion of the Pomme de Terre River on July 7th and on part of the Stevens portion of the Pomme de Terre River on July 13th. Contact Montonye if interested.

Old Business:

1. **Legislative Update – Pete Waller, BWSR Board Conservationist**—Waller gave a legislative update – they are going to have to have a special session so nothing has been decided in the Legislature yet.
2. **RIM Issues and Potential Solutions**—Discussion on RIM issues and concerns as documented and presented by staff. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Stephens that all future RIM applications be approved by the Board. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. All other RIM items are tabled.

Groneberg left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

New Business:

1. **NRCS Report – Mark Kulig, NRCS ASCFO Fergus Falls**—Kulig stated there has been several personal changes in the State for NRCS, one being there is a new State Conservationist for Minnesota. There are a lot of vacancies in NRCS Area II. He also talked about the program side and the EQIP and CSP and the Water Quality Certification programs.

Mosburg reported he had 8 EQIP applications and 6 got funded and 13 CSP contracts were funded with 22 pending. The District purchased a rain simulator for demonstrations.

New Business: (continued)

2. **2015 SWCD Administrative Session**—The 2015 SWCD Administrative training will be held at Canal Park Lodge in Duluth on June 17th and 18th. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to allow Knutson to attend the training in Duluth. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to pay the May 2015 bills #12441 - #12464 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

May Minutes were approved at the June 25th, Board Meeting.