

***Grant SWCD  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008***

The Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District held its November regular meeting on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Grant SWCD Office. Supervisors present included: Randy Larson, Arley Ellingson and Odell Christenson. 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 9:30 a.m.**

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Christenson to approve the Secretary's report from the October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Board meeting as read. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

**Old Business:**

- 1. Working Lands Initiative (WLI) Audit and Other Information**—Montonye informed the board that because of the large amounts of money that the district will be receiving from WLI and dispersing them to landowners, it will increase our chances for more frequent audits mandated by BWSR for which the district will not be compensated for. Pamphlet – Minnesota's "Working Lands For Wildlife Initiative" were handed out and Board discussed.
- 2. Supervisor District III – Appoint Board Member**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Ellingson to appoint Paul Groneberg of Hoffman to fill the vacant position left by Joel Hildebrandt until the next general election which will take place in 2010. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Montonye will contact Groneberg.
- 3. Wetland Conservation act (WCA) Violation and BWSR Appeal**—Montonye updated the board on the WCA violation in the County. The appeal of the violation is now with the BWSR Dispute Resolution Committee.
- 4. Grant SWCD FY2007 Office Rent**—Montonye informed the Board as of today we had still not received a bill from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for 2007 office rent for the period of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 – September 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Ellingson that if the Grant SWCD has not received a bill from FSA by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 we will not honor any bill after that date. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

### ***New Business:***

- 1. Service Grants for RIM/WRP Assistance**—Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Christenson to approve the RIM/WRP Assistance Agreement with BWSR in the amount of \$8,000.00 based on receiving \$2,000/application with Grant County having 4 applications. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 2. Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment Information and Listening Session**—There will be a listening session on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon in St. Cloud. Larson expressed interest in attending. Staff is to call him prior to the session for confirmation. A map of the results of the amendment by county was distributed and board discussed.
- 3. NRCS Report**—Mosburg reported on an EQIP Local Work Group Meeting that was held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the Board that NRCS is in the process of an audit due to the findings of the Office of Inspector General.

### ***Correspondence:***

- 1. MASWCD State Convention Invitation**—Larson read the letter from Ken Pederson, MASWCD President, inviting the chairman and/or another Grant SWCD supervisor to attend the MASWCD state convention on December 7-9 in St. Paul. No one plans on attending, Larson will respond to the letter from Mr. Pederson.
- 2. West Central Joint Powers Board Meeting**—There will be a WCJPB meeting on Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> in Detroit Lakes. Christenson plans on attending with Montonye.
- 3. Area II Meeting Information**—There will be an emergency Area II meeting if the resolution to reorganize the areas passes at the state convention. Staff will keep the Board posted.

Motion was made Ellingson, seconded by Christenson to pay bills #11133 - #11144 and all debit card payments for November, 2008. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Ellingson to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, @ 9:00 a.m.***