

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 27th, 2011
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Don Dally, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman
Theo Myron, Personnel Director

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the September 22nd, 2011 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

- 1. Area I Meeting**—The Fall Area I meeting will be held Thursday, November 3rd in Ada. At this time Christenson, Dally and Knutson plan on attending.
- 2. “Clean Water Funding Available for Research”**—E-mail from the Department of Ag regarding funding available to support research related to agriculture and water quality was discussed.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg reported that an annual meeting needs to be held for the Fecal 319 grant prior to the end of the year and a follow-up meeting with the ag producers group will be held sometime this winter.
2. **Clean Water Fund (CWF) Update**—Montonye gave an update of the projects/contracts that are completed in the Mustinka and the Pomme de Terre that are reported in the CWF grant.
3. **Amendment to Conservation Practice Assistance Contract – Arlin Hjelmstad**— Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the CWF Cost-Share Amendment for Arlin Hjelmstad because the project was down-sized due to the septic/drain field in the way of the original design. Cost of the original project was estimated at \$4,489.21 and the new estimate is \$2,598.30 So the original contract needs to be amended from \$4,489.21 with cost-share in the amount of \$3,360.90 to an estimated cost of \$2,598.30 with cost-share in the amount of \$1,948.73 based on 75% of the estimated cost. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
4. **FY 2012 BWSR Grant Agreement**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the FY 2012 BWSR Grant Agreement in the amount of \$35,291.00 (\$19,026.00 for Conservation Delivery; \$1,533.00 for Easement Delivery; and \$14,732.00 for State Cost-Share Base Grant) Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **BWSR Academy Report**—Knutson reported on the sessions she attended and that it was another excellent BWSR Academy. This year it was held at Breezy Point near Brainerd.
6. **2012 Grant SWCD Budget**—A 2012 Proposed Budget was discussed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to adopt the 2012 Proposed Budget as presented and for Montonye to present it to the County Commissioners. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **FY2011 Grant SWCD Rent**—The current rent situation was discussed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally that if we have not received a bill from FSA for FY2011 rent by December 31st, 2011 that the District will no longer be liable to pay that bill after that date. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Montonye will send Kerry Zimmerman an e-mail stating the Board's position on the FY2011 Rent.
8. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg stated that CSP payments should be going out soon and the payments will be just over two million dollars. Wetland policy has changed regarding 1026's, a certified wetland determination has to be done on each request which is consuming a lot of Mosburg's time.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Myron to pay October 2011 bills check #11711 - #11722 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Christenson to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

October Minutes were approved at the November 23rd, 2011 Meeting.