

***Grant SWCD
Board Meeting Minutes
September 25th, 2008***

The Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District held its September regular meeting on Thursday, September 25th, 2008 at the Grant SWCD Office. Supervisors present included: Randy Larson, Arley Ellingson, Odell Christenson and Ted Myron. NRCS staff present included: Drew Mosburg and Brent Gulbrandson. District staff present included: Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson.

Vice-Chair Ellingson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Myron to approve the Secretary's report from the August 28th, 2008 Board meeting as read. Affirmative: Ellingson, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Larson arrived at the meeting at 9:20 and assumed the position of Chair.

Old Business:

1. Reorganization of the JPB's—After much discussion on the current JPB areas and the proposed JPB areas, the following recommendation was made by the Grant SWCD Board: Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Myron to pursue membership with the proposed Area 1. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Board discussed the “Talking Points for Joint Powers Agreement” and made recommendations.

New Business:

1. FY2009 Farm Bill Assistance Grant Agreement—Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Christenson to approve the FY2009 Farm Bill Assistance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$40,500. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. A \$2,500 match from the District is required.

New Business: (continued)

2. **WLI Agreement**—Motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Christenson to allow Montonye to approve landowner contracts under the WLI agreement. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **Contribution Agreement**—Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Ellingson to approve the contribution agreement with USDA/NRCS in the amount of \$3,105 to work on the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
4. **Grant SWCD Policy on Water Control Structures for Permanent Easements**—Board discussed the structures that are being installed on permanent easements and the ramifications in the future and that water management plans should be in place at the time the easement is signed.
5. **IRS Mileage Rate Changes**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Myron to approve the mileage rate change from \$.505/mile to \$.585/mile. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Pomme de Terre River Report – Hildebrandt**—No report.
7. **Wild Rice SWCD Research Farm – Strip Till Tour**—Mosburg, Gulbrandson, Montonye and Olson along with several local producers went to Forman, ND to tour a 160 acre research farm and found it to be very informative. Next July they are having a field day that maybe the board would want to attend also.

Correspondence:

1. **BWSR Academy of the North Training**—Training is scheduled for October 21-23 in Mille Lacs. Board approved the staff to attend if there are any sessions of interest to them. October board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 30th.
2. **Cost-Share Closeout – FY2006**—Larson read the letter from Pete Waller, BWSR, stating that the information is correct as reported.

Motion was made Myron, seconded by Ellingson to pay bills #11105 - #11119 and all debit card payments for September, 2008. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Christenson to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Ellingson, Christenson and Myron. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Next Board Meeting – Thursday, October 30th, @ 9:00 a.m.