

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 24th, 2009
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Theo Myron, Personnel Director
Mike Anderson, Member

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Christenson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the August 20th, 2009 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

- 1. Update on the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**—Mosburg explained the CSP program to the Board. He reported that he currently has 12 individuals signed up for the CSP and another 6-10 that have expressed interest but have not signed up yet. The deadline to sign up for the program is September 30th.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—TMDL grant money should come through early next year. Montonye discussed the recommendations that the technical committee will make to the joint powers board on how to administer the money, what practices etc.
2. **Darin Raguse WCA Violation Settlement Agreement**—Board discussed the violation dating back to November of 2007 when the landowner drained a wetland. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Myron to sign the restoration order for Mr. Raguse as presented to them. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **Wetland Conservation Act**—Montonye gave the history of the Wetland Conservation Act and the workload that it creates for this office. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to have Montonye write a letter to BWSR stating that because of the limited funds we receive from BWSR for WCA, the Grant SWCD will only do the minimum required by rule such as serve on the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) and write WCA restoration orders. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Also discussed was for two SWCD supervisors to meet with the commissioners regarding the WCA and the direction the SWCD wants to take in the future.
4. **NRCS – Civil Rights Review**—Mosburg discussed the importance of diversity on the board and among their employees.
5. **2009 BWSR Academy**—Dates of the training session are November 2nd – 4th in Brainerd. Motion was made by Myron, seconded by Anderson to cover expenses for any employees that want to attend. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made Christenson, seconded by Myron to pay the September 2009 bills #11301 - #11319 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Myron and Anderson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Minutes were approved October 22nd, 2009

***Next Board Meeting – Thursday, October 22nd, @ 9:00 a.m.
Please call if you are unable to attend.***

