

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 26th, 2013
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Don Dally, Member
Larry Stephens, Member

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the August 22nd, 2013 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

- 1. Cover Crop Soil Health Field Day – October 1st, 2013**---Field day will be held in Big Stone County on Tuesday, October 1st. Larson may attend.
- 2. Conservation Tillage Conference – February 18th – 19th, 2014**—This conference will be held in St. Cloud in February.

Old Business:

- 1. RIM Easements**---Board discussed the possible concerns there could be with perpetual easements involving enforcement and violation issues. Montonye read e-mails he had received regarding these issues. (Note the motion under New Business #4).

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Pomme de Terre 2014 CWF Grant Application has to be entered into e-link in early October. Reorganization should be complete by the end of the year.
2. **2014 Clean Water Fund (CWF) Grant Applications – Pomme de Terre & Mustinka**—The amounts that we are applying for are: Pomme de Terre \$65,538.00 and Mustinka \$122,219.00.
3. **Soil Health Demonstration Site**—Board discussed the possibility of having a soil health demonstration site in the Mustinka Watershed. A meeting will be held this winter to explore this further.
4. **BWSR SWCD Program & Operations Grant Agreement**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the 2014 & 2015 BWSR SWCD Program and Operations Grant Agreement in the amount of \$32,252: \$19,026 for Conservation Delivery, \$11,332 for State Cost-Share and \$1,894 for Easement Delivery. *It was noted that the grant agreement states “Section 2 Grantee’s Duties for the Easement Delivery Program, subpart 2.6: Monitor easements and conduct spot-checks”* Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **BWSR Academy – October 28th – 30th**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve employees to attend the BWSR Academy October 28th – 30th at Cragun’s. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Report on “SWCD Governance 101”**—Montonye, Dally and Stephens attended the session in Alexandria September 4th & 5th. They all said it was a very good training.
7. **Conservation Practice Assistance Contract – John Kapphahn (Mustinka CWF)**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to approve the Mustinka River Watershed CWF contract for John Kapphahn for a WASCOD/Underground Outlet with a cost estimate of \$19,527.00 - AWEF is paying for \$10,496.00, CWF cost-share amount is \$4,149.00 based on cost-sharing not to exceed 75% of the project. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **Conservation Practice Assistance Contract – John Kreft (PdT CWF)**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve the Pomme de Terre CWF contract for John Kreft for a Streambank and Shoreline Protection project in the amount of \$3,802.50 with cost-sharing not to exceed 75% of the project. CWF cost-share amount is \$1,654.00 from 2012 PdT CWF and \$1,198.00 from 2013 PdT CWF. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
9. **Grant SWCD Health Insurance**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to extend the effective period of the District Health Insurance with Medica out to November 30th, 2014 at the current rate. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

- 10. Grant SWCD 2014 Budget**—2014 proposed budget was presented and discussed. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to accept the proposed budget as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 11. Area 1 Meeting – Tuesday, November 19th in Ada**—The fall Area I meeting will be held in Ada. At this time Larson, Christenson, Dally, Stephens and Mosburg plan on attending.
- 12. NRCS Report**—Mosburg discussed the importance of the poster “And Justice for All” that is posted on the bulletin board in the front entry with Supervisors and Staff. Gulbrandson has been working on design and field work for sediment basins and wetland restorations and WRP. Mosburg reported that there will be another CSP signup this winter and he did a soil health demo at the Red River Plot Tour.

Motion was made Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to pay the September 2013 bills #12123 - #12142 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

September Minutes were approved at the October 24th, 2013 Board Meeting.