

***MINUTES***  
***Board of Supervisors Meeting***  
***October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015***  
***Grant Soil & Water Conservation District***  
***712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531***

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman  
Don Dally, Personnel Director  
Larry Stephens, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman  
Odell Christenson, Treasurer

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 Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

**Old Business:**

1. **Area I Meeting – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 – Hallock, MN**—Board discussed. It was decided that no one would be attending due to the long distance to Hallock. Montonye will send an e-mail to the Area I director and let him know the reason for not attending.

**Correspondence:**

1. **Midwest Soil Health Summit**—Summit will be held February 17-18, 2016 at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria.

## ***New Business:***

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg reported that there will be a Watershed Academy in Morris on October 24<sup>th</sup> and gave a grant update.
2. **Office Lease Agreement**—A monthly and yearly lease were presented to the Board. Motion by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the yearly lease with JSW Investments. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carries.
3. **Marcus Olson Easement Update**—The legal land survey and description for the property has been completed. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to allow Montonye to sign the Agreement when we get it back from the attorney. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
4. **CCRP / CRP Update**—A Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) report was handed out and the Board discussed. There will also be a General CRP sign-up starting in December. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally that the SWCD will NOT be working on General CRP and to refer people with questions to FSA and NRCS. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **2015 Resolution Packet**—Board voted on the 14 resolutions, Knutson will send them in before the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
6. **MASWCD State Convention – December 6-8, 2015**—At this time Groneberg and Montonye plan on attending the convention. Knutson will contact Larson and Christenson to see if they are interested in attending.
7. **Potential of a Staff Position with Grant County Office of Land Management**—Montonye and Greg Lillemon (Office of Land Management) have discussed the possibility of a shared employee between Grant SWCD and the Office of Land Management and that person would be housed in their office because we were told by the lease people that we could not put an employee in our shared space. Board directed Montonye to explore that further.
8. **NRCS Report**—Gulbrandson has been busy working on construction projects. Mosburg has been working on paperwork for CSP payments. EQIP sign-up ends November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to pay the October 2015 bills #12528 - #12541 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***October minutes were approved at the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting***