

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 29th, 2016
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Others Present: Brent Gulbrandson, NRCS
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson, Jared House 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 November 23rd, 2016 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: Larson. 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. **Governor Dayton Water Summit Discussion – January 27th, 2017**—The meeting will be held in Morris at 9:45 – 4:00. Board members are encouraged to attend.
2. **Letter from BWSR**—Larson read the letter from BWSR stating that Montonye had been nominated for the “Outstanding District Employee of the Year” award.
3. **MASWCD Committee sign-up Sheet**—No one is interested at this time.
4. **Star Tribune Article**—Board discussed the article regarding all the money that's being spent on trying to improve water quality – and is water quality improving?

Correspondence: (continued)

5. **Soil & Water Workshop – January 18th, Fargodome**—Larson possibly will be attending.
6. **U of M Extension – “Fields to Streams – Managing Water in Rural Landscapes”**—Knutson distributed the publications she received at the convention.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—A new employee has been hired to replace House and she starts on January 4th and a grants update was given.
2. **2016 MASWCD Convention Report**—Larson, Stephens, Montonye, Knutson and Chad & Gwen Rollofson attended – reports were given to the Board.
3. **Conservation Tillage Conference Report**—Handouts were distributed and Board discussed. Was a good conference.
4. **Buffer Law Implementation Grant Approval**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Stephens to approve the FY2017 Buffer Law Implementation Grant agreement in the amount of \$25,000. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Montonye read the buffer work plan.
5. **Resolution to Amend the Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Pomme de Terre River Association**—House went through the changes with the Board. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the Resolution. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **2016 Area I Dues**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Christenson to pay the 2016 Area I Dues. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Stephens. Opposed: Dally. Motion Carried.
7. **MN Management & Budget – Pay Equity Report**—FYI - Pay Equity Report is due by January 31, 2017. Board gave the staff authority to sign the report.
8. **Buffer Law – Summary of Other Waters**—The summary of watercourses is in addition to those waters on the buffer protection map. Discussion was held on whether to produce a map vs. a resolution. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to pursue Summary of

Other Waters through the resolution process. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

9. **NRCS Report**—Gulbrandson reported that Mosburg has been working on CSP renewals and payments. He is finishing up the EQIP application process. Mark Kulig, NRCS has accepted a job in Wisconsin.

Other Business:

1. **January Board Meeting Date**—January Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16th @ 9:00 a.m. There wouldn't be a quorum for the regular scheduled date.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to pay the December 2016 bills #12758 - #12774 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 Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 11:1315 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

December Minutes were approved at the January 19th, 2017 Board Meeting