

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 25th, 2016
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Larry Stephens, Member

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 Groneberg, seconded by Christenson to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the January 28th, 2016 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

1. **MASWCD Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol**—Legislative Day at the Capitol will be held March 21 – 22, 2016. No one is able to attend.

Correspondence:

1. **Letter from Bois de Sioux WD regarding the Buffer Initiative**—Board discussed the letter from the Bois de Sioux regarding the new Minnesota buffer initiative.

Correspondence: *(continued)*

2. **Conservation Client Gateway**---Conservation Client Gateway is a secure NRCS online web application that gives landowners and land managers, the ability to track their payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance and electronically sign documents anytime, anywhere.
3. **2016 University of Minnesota Production Agriculture Symposium**—Keynote speakers are Sarah Carlson of Practical Farmers of Iowa and Dr. Rob Meyers of the University of Missouri and will be held on March 22nd in Falcon Heights if anyone is interested in attending.
4. **2016 National Strip-Tillage Conference**—Conference will be held August 3-4. Board discussed the possibility of sending a producer if someone would like to attend.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg attended the February 12th JPB meeting - the Pomme de Terre River newsletter was handed out and discussed.
2. **Resolution to Accept the Duties of the Water Plan / Adopt the Comprehensive LWM Plan as the Comprehensive Plan of the Grant SWCD / Appoint a member to the Environmental Advisory Task Force**—The County Commissioners passed a resolution to update the Grant County Comprehensive Local water Management Plan.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to accept the Resolution to Accept Delegation for the Grant County Comprehensive Local water Management Plan Responsibilities. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the Resolution Adopting the Grant County Comprehensive Local water Management Plan as the Comprehensive Plan of the Grant SWCD. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

All Board members will serve on the Environmental Advisory Task Force.

3. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Tipperary Kerry Farms**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to approve the cost-share contract for Tipperary Kerry Farms for a Water and Sediment Control Basin project. Funding for this project is contingent on the landowner getting approved for EQIP. If EQIP funding is not received by May 1st the contract will be cancelled. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: *(continued)*

4. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Scott Winter**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the cost-share contract for Scott Winter for a Water and Sediment Control Basin project. Funding for this project is contingent on the landowner getting approved for EQIP. If EQIP funding is not received by May 1st the contract will be cancelled. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **Area I Meeting Report**—Christenson, Montonye, Mosburg and Knutson attended the Area I meeting in Crookston. Items discussed included the size of Area I, the buffer law, and one watershed one plan. The next meeting will be June 21st in Detroit Lakes.
6. **Soil Health Meeting Reports / Recap of meeting with Kelly Cooper and Joe Brecker**—Groneberg, Olson and Dally reported on soil health meetings they had attended. Board discussed the meeting with Kelly and Joe about their demonstration site in Forman, ND.

Dally left the meeting at 11:25.

7. **Marcus Olson Easement Update**—Marcus Olson has been paid for his easement. Waiting for payment from Stevens County to reimburse him for the legal land survey and other expenses.
8. **CRP / CCRP Update**—There will be about 165 renewals do be completed before September 30, contracts cannot be signed before April 1st, 2016. Olson has done the preliminary work on approximately ½ of the contracts. There were 10 General CRP applications that FSA assisted with.
9. **Grant SWCD 2016 Annual Plan of Work**— Board reviewed the 2015 plan and made changes for 2016. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to approve the 2016 Annual Plan of Work for Grant SWCD with the discussed changes. Affirmative: Larson, and Groneberg and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
10. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg is currently busy taking CSP applications.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to pay the February 2016 bills #12596 - #12610 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Christenson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

February minutes were approved at the March 31st, 2016 Board Meeting.