MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 24th, 2014
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
                Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
                Odell Christenson, Treasurer
                Don Dally, Member
                Larry Stephens, 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 Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the March 27th, 2014 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. Minnesota Department of Ag – AgBmp Loan Program—Montonye informed the Board that $254,000 in low interest loans will be available to landowners in Grant County. There are currently two (2) lending institutions that participate in the program.

New Business:

1. Pomme de Terre Report—The 2014 CWF Grant for the Pomme de Terre JPB has been approved. We received approximately half of what we asked for. The JPB now has a separate checking account from the Stevens SWCD. The Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy did some mapping on the PdT watershed – the highlight of the map is a 50ft buffer surrounding the DNR’s Public Waters within the PdT. The mapping is fairly accurate.
New Business: (continued)

2. Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant in the amount of $50,000. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

3. MASWCD & U of M Webinar: Nonpoint Source Nitrogen Loading, Sources, Pathways & BMP Cost Effectiveness—Webinar will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Supervisors are invited to come the SWCD office and attend the Webinar.

4. Call for Resolutions – 2014 Resolution Process—If Supervisors have any resolutions they are to bring them to the May meeting. Resolutions will be voted on at the July 9th Area I meeting.

5. Report on Air Tours—Groneberg, Stephens and Dally toured the Pomme de Terre Watershed and Christenson and Larson toured the Mustinka Watershed. All of them thought it was a very worthwhile tour.

6. Report on Area 1 Chairman/Manager’s Meeting—Larson and Montonye attended the Area I Chairman/Manager’s Meeting in Fertile. Montonye had a MASWCD Area I Meeting Planning Survey that staff and supervisors all filled out.

7. FY 2013 Audit—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to have Peterson Company Ltd. perform the audit for Grant SWCD for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 at a fee of $2,150. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

8. NRCS Report—Gulbrandson closed on one WRP easement and getting close on a couple more. Mosburg has been conducting CSP interviews and gave an update on that program.

Motion was made Christenson, seconded by Stephens to pay the April 2014 bills #12237 - #12248 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 10:03 am. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

April, 2014 Minutes were approved at the May 22nd, 2014 Board Meeting.