

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 1 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.