

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 28th, 2016
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
Don Dally, Personnel Director
Larry Stephens, Member

Members Absent: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer

Others Present: Drew Mosburg and Brent Gulbrandson, NRCS
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD
Guests – Pete Waller and Dale Krystosek

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the June 23rd, 2016 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, 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: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1. **MASWCD – Local Government Water Roundtable Workshops**—Workshop will be in Detroit Lakes on Thursday, August 4th. At this time Montonye, Christenson, Groneberg and Dally plan on attending.
2. **NACD Dues Request**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to not pay the NACD dues request. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Larson read the report that Groneberg submitted from the July 8th, 2016 JPB meeting. Items discussed were: grant report, 1 Watershed 1 Plan, Watershed bus tour, TAC update and a report from BWSR and MPCA.
2. **Soil Health Report**—Stephens read the report that Groneberg submitted from the June 29th & 30th Soil Health Tour. Stephens and Olson reported on the days they attended.
3. **Guests – BWSR Grants Pete Waller and PRAP Dale Krystosek**—Waller reviewed 3 handouts with the Board and staff “Overview of BWSR Grants”, “Minnesota Excessive Soil Loss Program Implementation” and “Erosion Control and Water Management Program”.

Krystosek – Grant SWCD is up for a Level II Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP). Dale reviewed the process with the Board and staff.
4. **2017 Farm Bill Assistance Agreement**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the 2017 FBA grant in the amount of \$58,000.00. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **2016 Clean Water Fund SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant Agreement Amendment**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve the 2016 Clean Water Fund SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant Agreement Amendment in the amount of \$20,337.00. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Pass a Resolution to Adopt the Extended Comprehensive Local Water Mgt Plan**—BWSR has approved the extension to 2022. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Extended Comprehensive Local Water Mgt Plan. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **MASWCD 2016 Award Applications**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to nominate Chad Rollofson for 2016 Grant SWCD Outstanding Conservationist for all his work with no-till and his demonstration plot. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **Update – Buffer Law – Establishing Buffer Committee**—Montonye informed the Board that the buffer map is still inaccurate. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to establish a buffer committee for Grant County to insure communication is maintained at the local level relating to the buffer law. The SWCD appointed Christenson and Larson to be an alternate. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

9. **Grant SWCD Tree Program**—Montonye explained that over the years the District has had problems trying to find tree planting help and storage can be an issue too. DuWayne Ditterich from Conservation Specialists has expressed interest in working with the SWCD to provide this service. Board wants Montonye to explore it further and bring it to the August Board Meeting.

10. **Review Job Announcement and Approve**—Motion was made by Dally seconded by Stephens to approve the Position Announcement as presented for a District Resource Conservationist with the following stipulation. Our personnel policy states there will be a 1 year probation period, so health insurance would be offered after hire but no HSA will be paid by the District until after the probation period. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

11. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg handed out pictures of 4 different mixes of cover crops being planted in standing corn and the Board discussed. Gulbrandson has been working on WRP and EQIP. EQIP sign-up period ends August 19th.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to pay the July 2016 bills #12675 - #12691 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

July Minutes were approved at the August 25th, 2016 Board Meeting.