

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 27th, 2017
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Others Present: Drew Mosburg and Brent Gulbrandson, NRCS
Joe Montonye, Loren Olson, Jared House and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Groneberg to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the March 16th, 2017 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: Larson. 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, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1. **Soil Health Field Day – Wednesday, June 28th – Morris, MN**—Groneberg and Mosburg have registered to attend at this time.
2. **MASWCD – Call for Resolutions – 2017 Resolution Process**—The deadline for Area resolutions to be received in the MASWCD office by July 21st. Tabled to May meeting.
3. **Area I Meeting – Tuesday, June 20th, University of Minnesota Crookston**—Stephens and Knutson plan on attending at this time.

New Business:

1. **Oath of Office - Stephens**—Stephens took the Oath of Office.
2. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg had a handout with an update on the grants. A tour of the watershed is being planned for this summer and he also reported on One Watershed/One Plan and the hiring of a consultant.
3. **10:00 County Attorney – RIM Master Joint Powers Agreement & Data Practices Policy**— Justin Anderson (County Attorney) arrived at the meeting at 10:03 to discuss the RIM Master Joint Powers Agreement and the Data Practices Policy. Board discussed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to NOT enter into a RIM Master Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota (BWSR) at this time in its current format. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Montonye will contact BWSR with this decision and any further questions will be directed to Justin Anderson. Anderson will continue to work on a Data Practices Policy for Grant SWCD.
4. **Agreement for Services – Grant SWCD & Chad Rollofson**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the 2 year Agreement for Services with Chad Rollofson to reimburse him for expenses incurred while implementing the conservation demo plot, upon receipt of invoices. Total payment will not exceed the estimated \$10,000 budget (\$5,000/year), unless approved by Grant SWCD. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Groneberg abstained from the vote.
5. **Payment of Area I Dues**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve payment of the Area I Dues in the amount of \$150.00. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Groneberg and Stephens. Opposed: Dally. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of Pomme de Terre Conservation Practice Assistance Contract – J.L. Meagher**—Board reviewed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to approve the Pomme de Terre Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for J.L. Meagher for a Water and Sediment Control Project in the amount of \$18,820.00 with CWF Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$6,345.24. This contract is piggy-backed with Federal EQIP funds. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Approval of Pomme de Terre Conservation Practice Assistance Contract – Glenn or Paula Hjelle**—Board reviewed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the Pomme de Terre Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Glenn or Paula Hjelle for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$1,844.00 with CWF Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$1,383.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

8. **Approval of Conservation Assistance Contract #2016-02 – Julie & Mark Weeks**—Board reviewed. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the State Cost-Share Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Mark & Julie Weeks for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$1,766.68 with State Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$1,325.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
9. **Approval of Conservation Assistance Contract #2016-03 – Julie & Mark Weeks**—Board reviewed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the State Cost-Share Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Mark & Julie Weeks for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$1,770.43 with State Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$1,327.82. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
10. **Approval of Conservation Assistance Contract #2016-04 – Julie & Mark Weeks**—Board reviewed. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Stephens to approve the State Cost-Share Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Mark & Julie Weeks for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$1,666.68 with State Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$1,250.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
11. **Approval of Conservation Assistance Contract #2016-05 – Marie Hoffman**—Board reviewed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to approve the State Cost-Share Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Marie Hoffman for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$1,432.02 with State Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$1,074.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
12. **Approval of Conservation Assistance Contract #2016-06 – Marie Hoffman**—Board reviewed. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Christenson to approve the State Cost-Share Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Marie Hoffman for a Streambank and Shoreland Protection project in the amount of \$1,083.61 with State Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$813.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
13. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg reported on EQIP and CSP sign-ups.
14. **Letter of Resignation – Mr. Loren H. Olson**—Larson read the letter of resignation from Olson – his last day will be Friday, April 28th, 2017. Board commended him for all his hard work and dedicated service over the last 27 years. Montonye read the letter to Pheasants Forever nominating Olson for the Polaris Award that he received at their annual banquet.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Christenson to pay the April 2017 bills # 12833 - #12859 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 11:28. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

April minutes were approved at the May 25th, 2017 Board Meeting.