

***MINUTES***  
***Board of Supervisors Meeting***  
***February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017***  
***Grant Soil & Water Conservation District***  
***712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531***

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Larry Stephens, Member  
Odell Christenson, Treasurer

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 Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: Larson. Motion Carried.

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

**Correspondence:**

1. **MASWCD Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol**—Legislative Day will be held March 20-21 - None of the Supervisors are able to attend.
2. **Letter from West Otter Tail adopting the Buffer Initiative**—Larson read the letter stating that West Otter Tail SWCD is opposed to the introduced repeal of Statute 103F.48.
3. **Cropland Grazing Exchange**—This program is to connect livestock producers with crop producers who are willing to incorporate livestock on their land for the purpose of increasing biodiversity.
4. **Governor's 25% by 2025**—Handouts were distributed. Board discussed.

### **Correspondence: (continued)**

5. **2012 Census Data**—Handouts were distributed. Board discussed.

### **New Business:**

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg gave a grants update, and also discussed were One Watershed/One Plan, spring tour of the Pomme de Terre, ranking worksheet and a technician has been hired for the summer to do monitoring.
2. **Area I Meeting Report**—Montonye was the only one in attendance. Discussed were One Watershed/One Plan, operational agreements, MPCA/WRAPPS, NRCS is transitioning into 4 areas and the buffer law.
3. **Report on Soil Health Summit**—Olson and Dally attended and reported on the various sessions they attended.
4. **Legislative Update**—Montonye gave a legislative update on items pertaining to Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
5. **BWSR – MN CREP Update**—The Governor recently signed a \$500 million Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Agreement with the USDA. The \$500 million consist of approximately \$350 million from USDA and \$150 million of state funding.
6. **RIM Master Joint Powers Agreement**--Handouts were distributed. Board discussed. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to consult with the County Attorney regarding some of the language in this agreement. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Grant SWCD 2016 Conservation Quick Facts**—Handouts were distributed. Board discussed the various programs and the number of acres and dollars to landowners in Grant County.
8. **Buffer Law Update**—The next buffer committee meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. A handout on the proposed changes to the Buffer Law was distributed. A revised resolution to adopt summary of watercourses for inclusion in Local Water Management Plan was presented and a letter to the editor regarding the buffer law was read.

**New Business: (continued)**

9. **Contract for Services – 2017 CWF – Pomme de Terre WRAPS Implementation Plan**— Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to sign the contract with the Pomme de Terre River Association. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
  
10. **Peterson Company LTD Agreement**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the agreement with Peterson Company LTD to have them assist with the year-end accounting for the year ended December 31, 2016. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
  
11. **2017 Annual Plan**—Copies for the 2016 Annual Plan were distributed and the Board made changes to reflect the work plan for 2017. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to adopt the 2017 Annual Plan with the changes discussed. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
  
12. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg reported on work on CSP and EQIP is ranked and ready to go.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to pay the February 2017 bills # 12799 - #12819 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***February minutes were approved at the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board Meeting.***