

***MINUTES***  
***Board of Supervisors Meeting***  
***February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018***  
***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: Odell Christenson, Treasurer  
Larry Stephens, Member

Others Present: Sean Johnson and Jessica Paler, NRCS  
Joe Montonye, Jared House & 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 January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Motion Carried.

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

**Old Business:**

- Hedtke RIM Update**—Montonye stated that Mrs. Hedtke had been in the office with more concerns on their RIM easement including the location of the access road and other issues.
- Area I Meeting – March 20<sup>th</sup> at UMC**—At this time Larson, Dally Groneberg and Knutson plan on attending.

**Correspondence:**

- Letter from MASWCD to Governor Mark Dayton**—Larson reviewed the letter with the Board.

## **New Business:**

1. **NRCS Introductions**—Sean Johnson, acting District Conservationist and Jessica Paler, Soil Conservationist were introduced to the Board.
2. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg reported that the JPB Board re-organized and Swanson is the Chair. He also had a handout on WRAPS and Board discussed.
3. **Report on 2018 Midwest Soil Health Summit**—Gulbrandson, Johnson, Paler, House and Scott Swenson attended the Summit.
4. **Chad Rollofson Report**—A handout was distributed and the Board discussed Conventional Till vs. No-Till on his plots.
5. **Mustinka/Bois de Sioux One Watershed/One Plan JPB Update**—The Bois de Sioux Watershed District will be the Grantee for the grant so that puts organizing a JPB on hold at this point. On March 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a policy committee meeting in Wheaton at 1:00. Larson will be attending.
6. **Buffer Law – Cost-Share Update**— The District received \$40,000.00 from BWSR for the 2018 Buffer Law Cost-Share – to date the district has only encumbered \$1,526.00. The District will be sending \$38,474.00 back to the state by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 due to the terms of the grant agreement.
7. **EQIP Local Work Group Meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup>**—Local Work Group will be meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss resource priorities for EQIP.
8. **Grant Agreement Amendment of SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the Grant Agreement Amendment in the amount of \$25,370.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
9. **2018 Annual Plan**— Copies of the 2017 Annual Plan were distributed and the Board made changes to reflect the work plan for 2018. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to adopt the 2018 Annual Plan with the changes discussed. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
10. **Sale of Grant SWCD Tree Planter**—Grant SWCD no longer is selling trees so Board discussed selling the tree planter. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve staff to sell the tree planter. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
11. **NRCS Report**—Johnson gave a CSP update and an EQIP update and discussed staffing issues with NRCS.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to pay the February 2018 bills #13035 – #13052 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. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***February Minutes were approved at the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting***