

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 30th, 2018
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:05 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: Joe Montonye, Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House & 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 December 28th, 2017 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. 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. **2018 Midwest Cover Crops Council Annual Meeting – March 13-14, Fargo, ND**—No one plans on attending at this time.
2. **2018 Midwest Soil Health Summit – February 14-15, Fergus Falls, MN**—At this time Gulbrandson and House plan on attending. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to invite Chad Rollofson and Scott Swenson and pay for their registration fee if they want to attend. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
3. **MASWCD Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol – March 12-13, St. Paul, MN**—No one plans on attending at this time.

Correspondence: (Continued)

4. **Area I Meeting – March 20th, University of Minnesota Crookston**—At this time Dally and Larson plan on attending.

New Business:

1. Reorganization of the Board and Committee Appointments – Pomme de Terre River Association JPB, Technical Service Area (TSA) #1 JPB, Buffer Committee and Secretary to the Board of Supervisors—Groneberg made a motion to nominate Larson to the office of **Chairman**, seconded by Dally. Larson made a motion to nominate Groneberg to the office of Chairman, motion failed due to lack of a second. Groneberg cast a unanimous ballot to elect Larson to the office of Chairman, seconded by Dally. Larson is the **Chairman**.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Larson to elect Groneberg to the office of **Vice-Chairman**. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to elect Christenson to the office of **Treasurer**. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Larson to elect Dally to the office of **Personnel Director**. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to elect Stephens to the office of **Member-at-Large**. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Larson made the following committee appointments for 2018: Groneberg to the Pomme de Terre River Association JPB, Stephens to the Technical Service Area #1 JPB and Christenson as alternate, Larson and Christenson to the Grant County Buffer Committee and Knutson will serve as Secretary to the Board.

2. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg had a handout of the Grant Funding for the Pomme de Terre CWF.
3. **Conservation Lands Summary / CRP Update**—Handouts of BWSR’s Conservation Lands Statewide Summary was discussed. Gulbrandson had a handout with maps of the CRP in Grant County. Board discussed.
4. **NRCS Staffing Update**—Sean Johnson (Milaca) will be the acting District Conservationist for Grant County NRCS.

New Business: (continued)

5. **Mustinka/Bois de Sioux One Watershed/One Plan Update**—Board discussed the One Watershed/One Plan and the options of a LGU being the grantee or forming a JPB. House has been the coordinator through the application period. The group met last Monday and the LGU's agreed to pay for House's time for that period. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally that Grant SWCD will not be the Grantee for this grant. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally that Grant SWCD is in favor of pursuing a Joint Powers Board at this time. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Chippewa River One Watershed/One Plan & JPB Update**—Board discussed and will continue to pursue One Watershed/One Plan in the Chippewa River Watershed. The Chippewa currently has a JPB but it does not include SWCD's at this time.
7. **Authorize Montonye to sign CWF and 319 Projects**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to allow Montonye to sign CWF & 319 projects as needed. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **Area I Envirothon Donation Request**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to donate \$300.00 to the Area I Envirothon. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
9. **2018 Area I Dues**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to pay the 2018 Area I dues in the amount of \$150.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
10. **2018 MASWCD Dues**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to pay the 2018 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$2,520.79. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
11. **Designate Depository for District Funds**--Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Larson to continue with the checking and savings accounts at Bank of the West in Elbow Lake and to continue to shop around when purchasing a certificate of deposit for the best interest rate as they mature. Affirmative: Larson and Groneberg. Opposed: Dally. Motion Carried.
12. **Mileage Rates and Supervisor Compensation Rates**--Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to use the IRS standard mileage rate of \$.54½/mile for supervisors and staff for 2018 and continue to pay supervisor compensation at a rate of \$75.00/day (the maximum). Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to pay the December 2017 Year-End bills #13008 - #13022 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to pay the January 2018 bills #13023 – #13034 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

February Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 27th @ 9:00 a.m.

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

January Board Minutes were approved at the February 27th, 2018 Board Meeting