MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 22nd, 2018
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN  56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 10:03 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:  Jessica Paler, NRCS
          Joe Montonye, Brent Gulbrandson, 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 February 27th, 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.

New Business:

1. Pomme de Terre Report—Groneberg reported on the JPB meeting. The Consultant outlined the steps for 1W1P. The Federal 319 has been submitted.

2. Chippewa Report – Montonye & Dally/Appointment to Chippewa River Project—Montonye reported that they are interested in moving towards 1W1P. MCIT gave a presentation on JPB by-laws etc. Larson appointed Dally to represent the SWCD on the Chippewa River Project.

3. Bois de Sioux Advisory Committee Meeting – Monday, March 26th @ 1:00 p.m.—Next meeting will be Monday, March 26th – Montonye & Larson plan on attending.
New Business: (continued)

4. **Buffer Committee Update / Alternative Practices**—The County is working on the ordinance for County Ditches and whether or not to allow alternative practices for the required 16.5-foot buffer. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to allow alternative practices following the FOTG on negative slopes and only on a case-by-case basis. Staff will develop an acknowledgement form to allow the SWCD access to the property. Affirmative: Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: Larson. Motion Carried. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 18th.

5. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Elbow Lake Lions**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the state cost-share contract for the Elbow Lake Lions in the amount of $2,526.93 for a rain garden (by the store) with cost-sharing not to exceed 75% or $1,895.20. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

6. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Elbow Lake Lions**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the state cost-share contract for the Elbow Lake Lions in the amount of $1,617.59 for a rain garden (by the lake) with cost-sharing not to exceed 75% or $1,213.19. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

7. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Bryan Simon**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the state cost-share contract for Bryan Simon in the amount of $8,025.00 for a watering facility with cost-sharing not to exceed 75% or $5,000.00 (SWCD policy limit). Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

8. **NRCS Report – Local Work Group Meeting etc.**—Local Work Group meeting was held March 8th. There were 28 CSP contracts and 15 EQIP applications and none of them were funded. NRCS staffing was also discussed.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to pay the March 2018 bills #13053 – #13070 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 adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

March Minutes were approved at the April 26th, 2018 Board Meeting