

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
May 25th, 2017
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Don Dally, Personnel Director
Larry Stephens, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman
Odell Christenson, Treasurer

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the April 27th, 2017 meeting. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: Larson. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

1. **RIM Master Joint Powers Agreement**—Montonye sent an e-mail to BWSR explaining why we won't sign the Agreement at this time and to direct all questions to the County Attorney. We have received a revised Agreement that is at the County Attorney for his review

House arrived at the meeting at 8:10.

2. **MASWCD Call for Resolutions**—Deadline for Area resolutions is July 21st. Tabled until the June meeting.

Correspondence:

1. **Local Working Group Process and the SWCD Role**—According to NRCS program policy, it is recommended that SWCDs should convene the Local Working Group. If the District does not want to perform those duties the District Conservation will be responsible for those duties.
2. **MASWCD Leadership Institute**—The registration deadline is July 14, 2017. No one is interested in attending at this time.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Groneberg had a handout with the grants update. A summer assistant started May 1st, hiring a consultant for One Watershed One Plan was discussed and there will be a September tour of the Watershed.
2. **Hiring of a SWCD Technician**—Three applications were received. The position has been offered to an individual.
3. **Area I Meeting**—Area I meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20th in Crookston. Stephens and Knutson plan on attending at this time.
4. **Giziibii Resource Conservation and Development Association (RC&D)**—Groneberg read the letter from the Giziibii RC&D. They are looking for a sponsor contribution of \$300.00. Board is not interested at this time.
5. **Legislative Update**—Montonye gave a brief update on the buffer law.
6. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – John Zdrazil**— Board reviewed. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the State Cost-Share Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for John Zdrazil for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$2,919.76 with State Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$2,190.00. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – Les Alvstad**— Board reviewed. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the State Cost-Share Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Les Alvstad for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$3,982.39 with State Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$2,987.00. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

8. **Approval of State Cost-Share Contract – City of Barrett**— Board reviewed. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the State Cost-Share Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for the City of Barrett for a Rain Garden in the amount of \$2,938.54 with State Cost-Share amount not to exceed \$2,204.00. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
9. **Approval of Pomme de Terre CWF Cost-Share Contract – Jay Johnson**—Board reviewed. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve the Pomme de Terre CWF Cost-Share Contract for Jay Johnson for a Water & Sediment Control Basin project in the amount of \$20,048.00 with EQIP funds in the amount of \$9,756.00 and PdT CWF not to exceed \$5,280.00. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
10. **NRCS Report**—Mosburg reported on work on WRP, CSP easements and working with the District on an Operational Agreement between NRCS and the District.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to pay the May 2017 bills # 12860 - #12884 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:07. Affirmative: Groneberg, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

May minutes were approved at the June 22nd, 2017 Board Meeting.