

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
November 29th, 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
Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Don Dally, Personnel Director
Larry Stephens, Member

Others Present: Joe Montonye, Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House & Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD
Jessica Paler, NRCS,

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Groneberg to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the October 25th, 2018 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Motion Carried.

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

John Kappahn, Grant SWCD 2018 Outstanding Conservationist, was presented with a sculpture for his outstanding accomplishments and his work to improve soil health. He will be attending the MASWCD State Convention December 9th – 11th.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—There was no JPB meeting in November. A handout on grant funding was discussed.
2. **Chippewa River Project Meeting – Dally**—Dally gave an update of the grant funding issues. Swanson, Montonye and Dally need to have a meeting the discuss the SWCD's involvement in the Chippewa River Association.
3. **Bois de Sioux/Mustinka Meeting Report - Larson**— An engineer has been hired for the 1W1P.

New Business: (continued)

4. **Conservation Tillage Conference, Hilton Garden Inn, Fargo, December 18-19**—At this time House and Gulbrandson plan on attending.
5. **TSA Meeting Report - Christenson**—Jim Hest (head engineer) is planning on retiring, Jeff Haverland will be the only engineer for the TSA. PTM app will be ready in January and the next meeting will be in March and Christenson will not be attending.
6. **Area I Meeting Report**—Larson, Gulbrandson and House attended the meeting in Crookston, November 20th. Larson met Troy Daniels, NRCS State Conservationist. MN DOT gave a presentation on living snow fences, LeAnn Buck spoke and Nicole Berends talked about the low funding for the Buffer Law.
7. **State Cost-Share Contract Amendment – Aaron Weinandt**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to approve the State Cost-Share Contract Amendment for Aaron Weinandt to amend the contract install date from October 31st, 2019 to October 31st, 2020. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **Payment of State Cost-Share Contract – Bryan Simon**—For the Board’s information.
9. **Payment and Amendment of State Cost-Share Contract - John Kapphahn**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Groneberg to approve payment and amendment of State Cost-Share contract for John Kapphahn in the amount of \$10,296.34 ~ \$6,104.64 from CWF and \$4,191.70 from State Cost-Share. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
10. **State Convention – December 9th – 11th**—At this time Larson, Groneberg, House, Gulbrandson, Kapphahn and Knutson plan on attending.
11. **Grant SWCD Employee Health Insurance**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to continue with the current Health Insurance that the District has through Wendell Pioneer Insurance. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
12. **NRCS Report**—Palar gave an update on CSP funding, EQIP and the continuing resolution. Palar left the meeting at 9:45.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to pay the November 2018 bills #13208 – #13231 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 11:08. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

November Minutes were approved at the December 27th Board Meeting.