

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 28th, 2017
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:00 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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Christenson to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the August 24th, 2017 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business:

1. **Randall Hedke – Negotiations with Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM)**—Board discussed. At this time, he wants out of all of his RIM acres. This matter has been turned over to BWSR.

Correspondence:

1. **Conservation Tillage Conference – December 5th-6th in Willmar, MN**—FYI.
2. **NRCS - Operation Agreement & Cooperative Working Agreement**—Larson read and Board discussed. Both have been approved by the State NRCS office.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report**—Tour was held September 13th. It was a good tour and well attended and was the kick off for One Watershed/One Plan in the Pomme de Terre Watershed.
2. **IT Update**—The District employees are now off of the Federal system with the exception of Gulbrandson and he will have access to both systems.
3. **Report on Strip-Till Expo**—Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Dally and Gulbrandson attended the Expo and they all said it was a good mix of sessions.
4. **Approval of Pomme de Terre 319 Conservation Practice Assistance Contract – Jaxon Lang**—Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to approve the PdT 319 Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Jaxon Lang for a Wetland Restoration in the amount of \$4,000.00 with cost-sharing not to exceed 75% or \$3,000.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval of State Cost-Share Amendment – Marie Hoffman (2016-01A)**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Christenson to approve the State Cost-Share Amendment for Marie Hoffman due to the project going over the cost estimate. Cost estimate was \$1,432.02 and the final cost was \$1,596.12 – the amended cost-share amount will be \$1,197.09. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of State Cost-Share Payment – Marie Hoffman (2016-05)**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Christenson to pay the State Cost-Share contract #2016-05 for Marie Hoffman in the amount of \$1,197.09. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Approval of State Cost-Share Amendment – Marie Hoffman (2016-02A)**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to approve the State Cost-Share Amendment for Marie Hoffman due to the project going over the cost estimate. Cost estimate was \$1,083.61 and the final cost was \$1,200.42 – the amended cost-share amount will be \$900.32. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **Approval of State Cost-Share Payment – Marie Hoffman (2016-06)**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Christenson to pay State Cost-Share contract #2016-06 for Marie Hoffman in the amount of \$900.32. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
9. **Mustinka/Bois de Sioux – One Watershed / One Plan**—A grant has been applied for an awarded to pursue One Watershed / One Plan in the Mustinka/Bois de Sioux Watershed. Larson will serve on the policy committee and Christenson will serve as the alternate.
10. **TSA Shared Services – PTMApp**—There will be a meeting in Mahanomen on Wednesday, November 8th to discuss this further.

New Business: (continued)

- 11. Buffer Implementation Cost-Share Program – Policy & Rates**—Board discussed the Cost-Share Program Draft. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Christenson to adopt the Buffer Implementation Cost-Share Program Policy and Rates with the changes discussed (eliminate the dates in the draft). The Cost-Share rate will be a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre for seeding a native grass mix. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 12. Chairs for the Conference Room**—FSA provided a new table for the conference room. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to allow staff to purchase new chairs for the conference room at a cost of up to \$3,500.00 for 10 chairs. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 13. CREP Outreach & Assistance Grant**—Board discussed. The Board decided not to apply for the CREP Outreach & Assistance Grant at this time.
- 14. 2017 Resolutions**—Tabled until the October meeting.
- 15. NRCS Staffing**—Mark Dybdal, District Conservationist in Douglas County will be the Acting District Conservationist for Grant County.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to pay the September 2017 bills # 12936 - #12950 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

September minutes were approved at the October 26th, 2017 Board Meeting.