

***MINUTES***  
***Board of Supervisors Meeting***  
***September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018***  
***Grant Soil & Water Conservation District***  
***712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531***

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman  
Odell Christenson, Treasurer  
Don Dally, Personnel Director  
Larry Stephens, Member

Members Absent: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman

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

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Christenson to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Motion Carried.

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

***New Business:***

1. **Chippewa River Project Meeting - Dally**—Copies of a letter from BWSR to the Chippewa River Watershed regarding non-compliance with BWSR Grants requirements was distributed and discussed. The Chippewa River Watershed has not had an audit since 2015.
2. **Bois de Sioux/Mustinka Update – Larson & Christenson**—At the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting they had election of officers and Larson was voted in as Vice-Chair. They are in the process of hiring a consultant.

**New Business: (continued)**

3. **Buffer Tracking Requirement – Montonye**—Montonye stated that Buffer Tracking Compliance needs to be on the Grant SWCD website by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Montonye presented the “Monitoring Plan for Buffer Compliance Tracking” resolution to the Board. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to adopt the resolution as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
4. **Cover Crop Field Day Report – Stephens, House & Gulbrandson**—They all thought it was a good cover crop field day and well attended.
5. **Review Soil Health Field Day at Rollofson’s**—Montonye had a handout “Goals for Soil Health Field Day 2020”. Board discussed. We need to figure out a way to get the younger growers involved. It was also decided to have a winter meeting with the local crop consultants.
6. **2018 Conservation Tillage Conference – December 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**—At this time Larson and House plan on attending the conference in Fargo.
7. **State Convention – December 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**—At this time Larson, Stephens, Knutson and House plan on attending.
8. **Buffer Law – Alternative Practice Review**—House gave an example of a ditch installing an alternative practice.
9. **Grant SWCD Shirts**—Board discussed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to allow each staff and supervisors up to \$150.00 per 2-year time frame to purchase clothing of their choice and have the office take care of getting the logo and first name on the shirt. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
10. **2018 Accomplishments**—Handout with the acres and dollar amounts each federal and state conservation program brings into Grant County was distributed and discussed.
11. **NRCS Report**—Paler reported that Ryan Haspels last day was Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Mark Dybdal will be acting DC until they hire a new person for that position or until 120 days is up, whichever comes first. No new update on hiring status. Paler has been working on CSP.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to pay the September 2018 bills #13170 – #13195 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

***September Minutes were approved at the October 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.***