

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
November 27th, 2019
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: Ryan Haspel, NRCS - Joe Montonye, Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD. Guest Eric Sawatzke – WCA Schools, Micayla Lakey – Pomme de Terre River Coordinator.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the October 24th, 2019 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

- 1. Conservation Tillage Conference – December 17-18, 2019**—At this time Groneberg and House plan on attending the conference in St. Cloud.

New Business:

- 1. Pomme de Terre Report – PdT Comprehensive Watershed Plan**—New Pomme de Terre Coordinator Micalya Lakey introduced herself to the Board. There will be a meeting with the Pomme de Terre TAC and JPB on Friday, December 13th to determine submittal for 60 day review. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Christenson that after reviewal of the Plan` they recommend to the JPB to submit the Plan for public review. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 2. WCA Ag Instructor – Eric Sawatzke**—WCA schools is applying for a \$100,000 matching grant through Lions Clubs International to provide the lead funding for a \$200,000 educational greenhouse to be built on the WCA Secondary School site in Barrett. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Stephens to commit to \$5,000 donation in 2020 and another \$5,000 donation in 2021 and to go with option #3 on the Donation Form “Please return the donation if the Lions International matching grant is not awarded.” Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 3. Chippewa River Joint Powers Agreement**—Board Reviewed. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to approve the Agreement pending legal review from the County Attorney and approval from the County Commissioners. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 4. Area I Meeting Report – Stephens, House & Knutson**—The meeting was held on Tuesday, November 19th in Detroit Lakes. Districts will now have to have an audit every year beginning with year-ending 2019. Troy Daniell, NRCS State Conservationist was also in attendance.
- 5. Peterson Company LTD – Year-end Audit Required by BWSR**—The contract we signed with them last month is null and void since that was just to perform the year-end not an audit. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Stephens to have Peterson Company do the FY2019 year-end audit at a cost of \$2,700.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed. None. Motion Carried.
- 6. Letter of Support for RCPP Irrigation Grant**—Montonye explained that he had sent a letter of support and our contribution would be \$7,500.00 over a 5-year period for Education and Outreach.
- 7. NRCS Report – Ryan Haspel**—Haspel gave a CRP update. There will be a General CRP sign-up in December. Also working on CSP changes and waiting for funds to be released.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Stephens to pay the November 2019 bills #13441 - #13466 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 Christenson to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

November Board Minutes were approved at the December 31st, 2019 Board Meeting.