

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 24th, 2019
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: Ryan Haspel, NRCS - Joe Montonye, Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House and Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD. Guest Corey Walker – NRCS.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Stephens to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the September 26th, 2019 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Stephens, 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. **2019 Resolutions**—Board voted on the 18 resolutions and signed the Ballot and Knutson will get them to MASWCD today.

Correspondence:

1. **Area I Fall Meeting – M-State, Detroit Lakes, Tuesday, November 19th, 2019**—At this time, Larson, Stephens, House and Knutson plan on attending.
2. **Conservation Lands Report**—The BWSR Statewide Conservation Lands Summary handout was distributed. Board discussed.

Correspondence: (continued)

3. **2019 MASWCD Annual Convention**—Convention will be held December 8-10 at the DoubleTree in Bloomington. At this time Groneberg, Stephens and Knutson plan on attending.

New Business:

1. **Pomme de Terre Report – PdT Comprehensive Watershed Plan**—Groneberg did not attend the last JPB meeting. A new Coordinator has been hired. Montonye handed out the Draft copy of the Pomme de Terre Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – **Board is to review and make comments and bring them to the November Board meeting.** The JPB and TAC will meet on Friday, December 13th to determine submittal for 60 day review.
2. **Chippewa River Report – Montonye and Dally**—Montonye and Dally attended the Chippewa Meeting October 18th. The group is moving forward with a Joint Powers Agreement.
3. **Bois de Sioux/Mustinka 1W1P Report**—The group is working on activities for the 1W1P.
4. **Grant SWCD 2020 Budget Approval**—Copies were distributed. Board and Staff discussed. Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the Proposed Budget as presented. Montonye will take the Budget to the County Board. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **Alternative Practices on Buffers**—House explained that currently our policy from the March 22nd, 2018 Board meeting states “The Grant SWCD will allow alternative practices following the FOTG on negative slopes and only on a case-by-case basis. Staff will develop an acknowledgement form to allow the SWCD access to the property”. BWSR, through statute, follows State Guidelines and the FOTG.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to rescind the policy above from the March 22nd, 2018 Board Meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to adopt the following policy: Grant SWCD will work on those Alternative Practices when they are part of the legal ditch system and only where negative slopes exist. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

6. **Letter from Peterson Company LTD – Year-End Accounting Services**—Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to have Peterson Company perform the Year-End Accounting at a cost of \$950.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (Continued)

7. **Employees Health Insurance**—Board discussed the new rates. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Groneberg to continue with the same policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the allowable HSA for the deductible. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

8. **NRCS Report – WRP Letters to Landowners on Deer Stands – Ryan Haspel and Corey Walker**—Letters were sent to landowners where “permanent” deer stands were found on their WRP easements and were told to remove them. Board discussed. Haspel has been working on CSP, EQIP, there will be a General CRP sign-up in December, and Troy Daniels, State Conservationist will be in the office on Monday.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Christenson to pay the September and October 2019 bills #134009 - #13440 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 10:40 a.m. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

October Board Minutes were approved at the November 24th, 2019 Board Meeting