

***MINUTES***  
***Board of Supervisors Meeting***  
***September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019***  
***Grant Soil & Water Conservation District***  
***712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531***

Vice-Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 7:57 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman  
Odell Christenson, Treasurer  
Don Dally, Personnel Director  
Larry Stephens, Member

Members Absent: Randy Larson, Chairman

Others Present: Ryan Haspel, NRCS - Joe Montonye, Brent Gulbrandson, and Jared House, Grant SWCD.

**Secretary's Report/ Treasurer's Report:** Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Christenson to defer the September secretary's/Treasurer's report until the October regular board meeting (October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019). Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

1. **RIM Issues- Montonye** — Montonye reported that he met with neighboring SWCD managers and they have drafted a letter for John Jaschke (BWSR – Executive Director) stating the:
  - a. Need for adequate compensation to inspect RIM sites,
  - b. Need for legal land surveys, and
  - c. The need for financial assistance on the management of existing easements.

**New Business:**

1. **Pomme de Terre Report - Groneberg**—Groneberg had handouts of the status of the Pomme de Terre Clean Water Fund Grants. 1W1P Update – Projection of the initial review is October and the final plan in the spring 2020.

2. **Bois de Sioux 1W1P Report –House**— The summer bus tour for the Bois de Sioux/Mustinka was Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Montonye, House and Larson were in attendance. An Update of 1W1P was given.
3. **CCRP & CREP Update - Gulbrandson**—Gulbrandson reported that he the CCRP application period closed in August. There were 100 contracts expiring and with current program requirements roughly 50 contracts were re-enrolled. Gulbrandson also mentioned that there will most likely be a general sign-up starting in December of 2019.
4. **2020-2021 Capacity Grant- Montonye**— Montonye reported that for the next biennium the district will be receiving \$137,284.00 in local capacity funding. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Stephens to approve the 2020 local capacity grant agreement. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
5. **Watershed Based Funding- Montonye**— Montonye went over BWSR’s draft plan for funding comprehensive watershed management plans starting in 2020. Currently, the funding appropriations for 2020-2022 would be as follows:
  - a. Pomme de Terre River: \$358,714.00 / yr or \$717,428.00 biennium
  - b. Mustinka/BdSioux: \$532,261.00 / yr or \$1,064,522.00 biennium
  - c.
6. **Resolutions Packet – Montonye**—Montonye asked the board to review this year’s MASWCD resolution packet. The board will act on resolutions at a future regular meeting
7. **Cover Crop Grant Request for Proposal – Montonye** – BWSR currently has a cover crop grant funds available for districts (Application deadline October 24<sup>th</sup>). Montonye asked the board if they would be interested in the district pursuing these funds, contingent on the Pomme de Terre River Association not applying. Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to look into applying for these grants funds. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
8. **NRCS Report – Haspel**—Haspel reported that within Grant County there were 4 new CSP contracts and 5 new EQIP contracts. A new employee will be starting in the Traverse office, however Ryan will continue to assist that office a few days a week.

Motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Dally to adjourn the meeting at 9:25am. Affirmative: Groneberg, Christenson, Dally and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**