

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 24th, 2020
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Larson, Chairman
Paul Groneberg, Vice-Chairman
Don Dally, Personnel Director

Members Absent: Odell Christenson, Treasurer
Larry Stephens, Member

Others Present: Ryan Haspel, NRCS - Joe Montonye, Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House &
Mary Jo Knutson, Grant SWCD

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of the December 31st, 2019 meeting. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to authorize the District to get bonding insurance for up to 1 million dollars. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed. None. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1. **Area I Meeting – Tuesday, March 17th at the Crookston**—At this time Larson, Dally, Montonye, House, Gulbrandson and Knutson plan on attending.
2. **MASWCD Legislative Briefing Day at the Capital “Save the Date: March 24-25, 2020**—At this time no one plans on attending.

New Business:

- 1. Reorganization of the Board and Committee Appointments** – Pomme de Terre River Association JPB, Technical Service Area (TSA) #1 JPB, Buffer Committee, Bois de Sioux/Mustinka, Chippewa River Project and Secretary to the Board of Supervisors—

Groneberg made a motion to leave all the positions the same as last year. **Chairman** – Larson, **Vice-Chairman** – Groneberg, **Treasurer** – Christenson, **Personnel Director** – Dally and **Member-at-Large** – Stephens, seconded by Dally. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Larson made the following committee appointments for 2020: Pomme de Terre River Association JPB - Groneberg and Dally as Alternate, **Technical Service Area #1 JPB** - Christenson and Stephens as Alternate, **Grant County Buffer Committee** - Larson and Christenson as Alternate, **Bois de Sioux/Mustinka** - Larson and Christenson as Alternate, **Chippewa River Project** - Dally and Groneberg as alternate and Knutson will serve as **Secretary to the Board**.

- 2. Set 2020 Mileage Rates & Supervisor Compensation**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to use the IRS standard mileage rate of \$.57.5/mile for supervisors and staff for 2020 and continue to pay supervisor compensation at a rate of \$75.00/day (the maximum). Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 3. Designate Depository for District Funds**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Larson to continue with the checking and savings accounts at Bank of the West in Elbow Lake and continue to shop around when purchasing a certificate of deposit for the best interest rate as they mature. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: Dally. Motion Carried.
- 4. 2020 MASWCD/Area 1/NACD Dues**—**MASWCD Dues:** Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve paying the 2020 MASWCD Dues in the amount of \$2,795.68. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Area 1 Dues: Motion was made by Dally seconded by Groneberg to approve paying the 2020 Area I Dues in the amount of \$150.00. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

NACD Dues: It was decided at this time not to pay the NACD Dues.

- 5. Pomme de Terre Report**— Groneberg reported that there was no meeting in January and the next meeting will be held February 14th, 2020.
- 6. Chippewa River Project – Joint Powers Agreement**—Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to enter into the Chippewa Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business: (continued)

- 7. Bois de Sioux/Mustinka – 1W1P Report – House**—House gave an update and they are in the process of setting goals on the PTM App Committee.
- 8. Rain Barrell Project – House**—Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to approve the purchase of 324 Rain Barrels at a cost of \$48/ Barrel and sell them for \$55/Barrel. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 9. State Cost-Share Policy Review**—Handouts - Grant SWCD Current Cost-Share Policy, Grant SWCD Proposed Cost-Share Policy and a revised ranking sheet were handed out. Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to include upland wildlife habitat to the practice points on the ranking sheet and to wait until we have a full Board to discuss previous local State Cost-Share policies. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- 10. CRP Update – Gulbrandson**—Groneberg updated the Board on the current General CRP sign-up and there has been some interest in new contracts.
- 11. NRCS Report – Haspel**—Haspel has been working on CSP and EQIP.

Motion was made by Groneberg, seconded by Dally to pay the December 2019 Year-End bills #13485 - #13500, January 2020 bills #13490 - #13512 and all debit card withdrawals as presented. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Dally, seconded by Groneberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg and Dally. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**** No Treasurer's Report this month. MJK**