

Minutes
Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 25th, 2021
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd., Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Vice Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Member present: Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman
 Andrew Marks, Treasurer
 Jon Nelson, Personnel Director

Members absent: Randy Larson, Chairman
 Larry Stephens, Member at Large

Others present: Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, and Nicole Sumstad: Grant SWCD

Secretary's Report: Nelson moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the January 28th, 2021 meeting with Marks seconded. Affirmative: Nelson, Marks, and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion on moving to only reporting the budget vs actual on a quarterly basis, whereas all other reports will continue on a monthly basis. Motion was made by Marks and seconded by Nelson to only report on the budget vs. actual on a quarterly basis. Affirmative: Nelson, Marks, and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

House and Sumstad also reported on meeting with Tim Johnson with Eagle Financial about ensuring the Districts monies, that are invested into Certificates of Deposit, will comply with the FDIC limits and our quarterly schedule. Nelson made the motion to work with Tim Johnson with Eagle Financial for 1 year and review the pros and cons at that time. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Nelson, Marks, and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Marks made the motion with Nelson seconded to approve the treasurer's report as read. Affirmative: Nelson, Marks, and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Chippewa River Project: Nelson reported that they have been working on reviewing the bylaws and getting the workplan updated.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg updated that WRAPS extension is in process of being approved while the workplan had been approved by BWSR. The soil health team is continuing to work

on the producer help book. House added that the Grant SWCD will be sending out a spring newsletter to target the Pelican Lake area.

Bois de Sioux: House updated the focused area will be in the Rabbit River. North Ottawa and Lawrence townships will also be included in the target area for the spring newsletter.

A motion was made by Marks and seconded by Nelson to accept and sign the Bois de Sioux – Mustinka River Watershed Plan Implementation Agreement. Affirmative: Nelson, Marks, and Groneberg. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Hiring Update: Gulbrandson updated that the county is willing to go 50/50 on a new hire. Looking at the agreement and the announcement which will happen at the next meeting.

Rain Barrels: Sumstad updated that the barrels have been ordered.

NRCS: Gulbrandson updated on the CSP renewals and new applications. Also, that they are doing an open hire for the new replacement for Jessica Paler's old position.

RIM: Gulbrandson updated on the Hedtke/BWRS status. Master Joint Power Agreement is put on hold.

Chairman Larson arrived at 1:54pm.

Agenda Additions and Discussions:

Area 1 Meeting: March 16, 2021. 8:30 am – 12:00 via Zoom. Sumstad will send out links to the board.

MASWCD: Capital Day via zoom. Sumstad will send out links. \$50.00 registration fee.

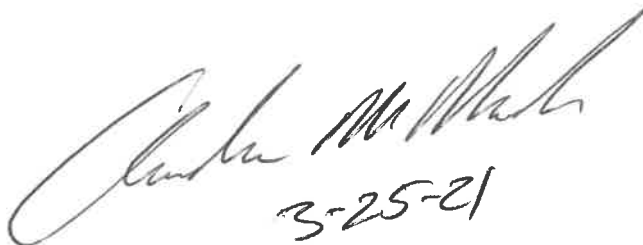
DNR: WIA general sign up dates were changed to March 15 – May 14, 2021.

Buffer Letter update: 50% contact. 2nd letter will be going out.

Marks made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Nelson, Marks, Groneberg, and Larson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Next board meeting to be held on March 25th, 2021.



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