

Minutes
Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 24th, 2021
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

Larry Stephens, Member

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Members absent: Jon Nelson, Personal

Others present: Brent Gulbrandson and Jared House (Grant SWCD). Ryan Haspel and Aria Kapsner (NRCS). Shannon Olson (FSA) – joined at 8:15am.

Secretary's Report: Marks made motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the May 27th, 2021, meeting. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Stephens made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Seconded by Groneberg. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Area 1 Meeting: Stephens updated the board on projects that East Ottertail SWCD has been working on through the 1W1P, discussed some of the MASWCD updates that LeAnn Buck had went over regarding budgets and the special sessions. Gulbrandson informed the board that TSA area 1 executive committee will be recommending to the full board a different budget than was originally presented.

Chippewa River Watershed Project: House updated the board that there was no meeting this month for the watershed. Chippewa is still waiting to hear from BWSR to see if they will be receiving a 1W1P grant this year.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg informed the board that there wasn't a meeting this month. House told the board that the Pelican Lake parcel by parcel shoreline review is going to be completed on July 14th-16th. He also mentioned that the Soil Health Case Study document is almost complete and will be available to share in the next few months.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed Project: House asked the board if they have any questions on the Grant Funding Subcontract between the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and Grant SWCD. He brought this to the boards attention at the May board meeting. Groneberg made a motion to approve the

contract as written and sign the subcontract. Seconded by Marks. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

USDA Update: Shannon Olson introduced herself to the board. She is the new County Executive Director for FSA in Grant County.

NRCS Update: Aria Kapsner was introduced as the new Soil Conservationist for Grant County. Ryan Haspel discussed the Local Work Group meeting being held at the conclusion of this month's SWCD meeting. Haspel also gave an update on EQIP and CSP within the county. Haspel will also be acting as the areas team lead for the next three months.

CRP/CCRP: Gulbrandson updated that we currently don't have any contribution agreements from MASWCD for working on CRP. If a contribution agreement isn't offered most of the work will fall to the NRCS office to complete. There is not going to be much time for re-enrollment this year. There is going to be lots of work needed to be done in a short timeframe.

Completed Projects: Gulbrandson informed the board that Jan Vipond's rain garden is completed and will be paid out by the end of the week. This project was used as a training for staff within the office. Also, the Lee Ackerson Project was completed and will be paid out as soon as bills come in. Chad Smith's project was also completed and will be paid out soon.

SWCD Supervisor Orientation: House informed the board that BWSR will be holding a supervisor training for those new to their respective boards. This will be held on July 9th (Thief River Falls) and on July 16th (Fergus Falls). A handout was given to each board member.

Marks made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Stephens. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55a.m.

Next meeting to be held June 22, 2021, at 8 a.m. at the Elbow Lake Service Center.

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