

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

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Randy Larson, Chair
Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman
Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Members absent: Jon Nelson, Personnel Director
Larry Stephens, Member at Large

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

Secretary's Report: Marks moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the February 25th, 2021 meeting with Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Groneberg moved to approve the treasurer's report as read with Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Chippewa River Project: House updated that the Joint Powers Board bylaws were approved and now working on the 1W1P application to BWSR.

Pomme de Terre River Association: House updated that the workplan is in and signed. Soil health team is still working on gathering information and getting it out into the west central area. Douglas SWCD will be contributing to the newsletter that will be going out to the Pelican and Christina lakes area.

Bois de Sioux-Mustinka Watershed Project: House report that the MOA is board approved and the grant has been executed. Will be focusing on cover crops in the Rabbit River area.

Arsenic Water Testing Grant: House reported that the test kits and advertising will be available within 2 weeks.

Marie Hoffman Rain Garden: Gulbrandson reported that a new contract will be drawn up to replant the native plants that did not survive.

Chad Rolofson Soil Health Contract: Groneberg made a motion to sign a new agreement for the Services Contract through FY 2022 with Chad Rolofson. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Hiring update: Gulbrandson meet with the Grant County personnel committee to review the contract for services and it was agreed upon. Groneberg made a motion to accept the contract for service and to announce the Environmental Technician position shared between Grant Soil and Water Conservation District (Grant SWCD) and Grant County Office of Land Management (OLM). Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

House also updated that the PF is still interested in a part time position and that he will keep looking into the options.

Area 1 Spring Meeting: House and Groneberg updated it was a good information meeting.

MASWCD Legislative meeting: House reported that the general fund looks good.

Buffer Letter: House reported the 2nd letter has gone out certified and will have till April 14th, 2021, to respond. He will then try calling before passing on the information to the Bois de Sioux.

CRP/CCRP: Gulbrandson updated that no deadline on the general as of yet. CCRP new sign up will start in April.

NRCS: Gulbrandson reported CSP has an end date of March 26th, 2021. EQUIP had been extended. They also have a verbal agreement on a new hire.

Other Business and Discussions:

FPAC COVID update: up to 50% staff on site.

Elbow Lake snow dump: This has been an ongoing battle to get the site cleaned up. Marks has been contacted as well. This will be addressed after the new hire.


Next meeting to be held on April 22nd, 2021, at 9 a.m. at the Grant County Office Complex.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Sumstad, District Secretary



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