

Minutes
Board of Supervisors Meeting
May 27th, 2021
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd., Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

Members present:

Randy Larson, Chairman
Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman
Larry Stephens, Member
Jon Nelson, Personnel Director
Andrew Marks, Treasurer

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

Secretary's Report: Marks made motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the April 22nd, 2021, meeting. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

Area 1 Meeting: Stephens will go, along with Gulbrandson.

MASWCD: House reminded that resolutions are due July 1, 2021.

Chippewa River Watershed Project: House updated that they are waiting on the state for approval for the application on the 1W1P grant.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg updated that they had no meeting this month. House added that the newsletter for the Christina/Pelican Lakes area will be in mailboxes by next week.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed Project: House updated on the grant funding contract and cover crop update in the Rabbit River area.

TSA update: House reported it is now in restructuring mode and looking at all the options for solutions.

Marks made a motion to recommend going with Budget 1 with the TSA options. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Legislative update: House updated that they will be going to special session and that the general fund monies for counties are the same. The state is looking at new monies for soil health and climate change.

CRP/CCRP: Gulbrandson updated that no updates on enrollment dates. Still looking into PF position to assist with CRP contracts. NRCS is on board with the position. He also stated that NRCS will be doing status reviews on expiring CRP contracts.

NRCS: Gulbrandson updated that Aria Kapsner, new hire, has started.

Hiring update: Gulbrandson updated the new hire is Reed Peterson and he will be starting June 2, 2021.

Buffer Letter update: House reported that 2 non-compliance letters were sent over to BdSWD.

Godden Project: Gulbrandson confirmed that the project is still on hold.

Cover crop/strip-till/no-till district cost share guidelines: Motion was made by Marks, seconded by Stephens to approve the Cover Crop/Strip-till/No-till Cost Share guidelines. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Additional items:

Mark Lang: Due to the Grant County Hwy. 10 project, Mark Lang requests that 0.5 acres of his State Cost-Share project be released from the contract 2009-03. The Grant County Hwy. Dept. is redesigning the highway for public safety measures and part of Marks contracted field windbreak will be impacted. Groneberg made the motion to release the impacted 0.5 acres from contract 2009-03 on the basis of public safety, contingent on the Hwy. 10 project getting final county commissioner approval.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Next meeting to be held June 24, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Andrew Miller
8.26.21