

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
 Monday, October 27 2014

- I. Chair Hufford called the special meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Hufford, Huntley, Krosch (9:45), Libbon, Lonergan. Staff present: Rice, Solemsaas, Staebler, Wiechmann.
- II. The Agenda was unanimously approved after a motion by Supervisor Huntley and second by Supervisor Lonergan.
- III. Huntley moved to approve the minutes from the September 9 regular meeting. Seconded by Lonergan, the motion passed unanimously. Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the October 14 regular meeting. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Matters

- A. Lonergan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Supervisor Libbon. Passed unanimously.
- B. The board and staff reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Summary.
- C. Huntley moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.

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| 1. HD Images                | Advertising                                | 180.00  |
| 2. Northern Impressions     | Rain garden mulch                          | 2392.00 |
| 3. EcoWater                 | Water Fest bottled water                   | 37.50   |
| 4. HPS Rentals              | Portapot rental for water fest & cons. Day | 342.80  |
| 5. BBE Schools              | Conservation Day bus funding               | 180.00  |
| 6. Glacial Hills Elementary | Conservation Day bus funding               | 75.00   |
| 7. Minnewaska Area Schools  | Conservation Day bus funding               | 224.00  |
| 8. Chokio-Alberta School    | Conservation Day bus funding               | 75.00   |
| 9. Hancock Public School    | Conservation Day bus funding               | 75.00   |
| 10. Morris Area Schools     | Conservation Day bus funding               | 150.00  |
| 11. Morning Sky Greenery    | Rain garden plant stock                    | 1599.65 |

IV. Old Business

- A. None.

V. New Business

- A. The board completed MASWCD resolution voting.
- B. The board completed MASWCD convention registrations.
- C. Matt presented contracts to the board for two alternative tile projects to be funded through the Pomme de Terre Joint Powers Board Clean Water Funding. Supervisor Krosch moved to approve contract 75-17-14-CWF for \$3750 and contract 75-16-14-CWF for \$875. Seconded by Huntley and all members voting aye, the motion passed.
- D. Lonergan moved to approve state cost share contract #2/14 encumbering \$2840 for a water and sediment control basin. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.
- E. Cory Walker gave an NRCS Report. He completed the annual civil rights review and MOU with the SWCD board. He also reported that Andy submitted a payment request to MASWCD for 59 CRP contracts he worked on. MASWCD and NRCS have a contribution agreement allowing SWCDs to work on and be paid for their work on CRP contracts. The current EQIP funding round closes on November 14. He discussed cover crop projects within the county, one of which took place at Jim Krosch's farm. Results were across the board on the projects as a whole. Walker is currently taking applications for CSP contracts, and payments will be processed soon for existing CSP contracts. The opening for a Soil Conservation Technician still has not been filled. At this time, there is no

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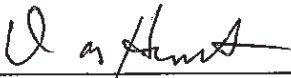
projected date for when this might happen. The position has been vacant since January. He is also processing a lot of 1026s at this time.

F. Staff Reports

1. Solemsaas reported that seeding can begin on Saturday. John is out working on some site prep.
2. Rice reported that December 1 marks the state date for some newly enrolled CRP contracts.
3. Johnston is currently out of the office on leave.
4. Lembcke submitted a written report.
5. Staebler had no additions to her written report. The BWSR grant verification findings meeting will take place November 3.

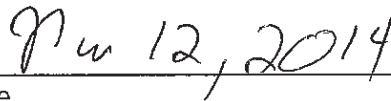
The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next regular meeting date is a holiday, so the regular meeting will tentatively be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 12.

Respectfully submitted,



George Libbon, Secretary

Don Huntley



Date