

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

I. Chair Hufford called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Hufford, Krosch, Libbon. Staff present: Johnston, Lembcke, Rice, Solemsaas, Staebler. NRCS present: Cory Walker. Others present: Jared House & Kasey Wiechmann, PDTRA. Taylor Hufford was introduced as the MN Conservation Corps summer intern.

II. Supervisor Krosch moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Supervisor Libbon. Passed unanimously.

III. Chair Hufford began presiding over the meeting. Supervisor Libbon moved to approve the Minutes from the last regular meeting. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Matters

A. Supervisor Lonergan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.

B. Krosch moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously.

1. Kirby Hufford	Supervisor Pay	57.09
2. Jim Krosch	Supervisor Pay	66.61
3. George Libbon	Supervisor Pay	77.81
4. Valnes Rentals	June Rent	836.33
5. Andy Rice	Tree tube stakes, gas for district truck	314.18
6. Farnam's Genuine Parts (NAPA)	Parts	43.88
7. Morris Sun Tribune	Weed Control Notice	58.00
8. Tri County Cooperative	Diesel	189.77
9. Stevens County Highway	Gas & diesel	992.12
10. Morris Cooperative	Tire repair	232.04
11. Fastenal	Parts	3.09
12. Ace Hardware	Parts	27.62
13. MCIT	Auto adjustment	64.00
14. Wolcyn Tree Farms	Tree stock	765.00
15. Town & Country	Supplies	136.34
16. Federated Telephone	Internet connection, addition of wireless	82.98
17. Lawn & Driveway	Staples	112.21
18. Agassiz Seed	Native Grass seed	14767.08
19. Ottertail Power	Electric bill	72.11
20. Water Fest	2014 allocation	700.00
21. Bremer Card Services		390.24
a. Supplies	\$115.92	
b. Employee Expenses	\$88.71	
c. Vehicle Expense	\$124.00	
d. Info & Education/Envirothon	\$61.61	
22. Thrifty White	Supplies	48.40

V. Old Business

A. The board reviewed the resolution by Stearns SWCD to "Promote Diversity on the Landscape." The area resolution voting will take place at the Area 2 meeting on June 18.

B. Libbon moved to approve the FY15 Farm Bill Assistance Grant. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.

C. There were only two filings for two open SWCD Supervisor positions in the next election. Incumbent Jim Krosch filed for District 3 and Greg Fynboh filed for District 2.

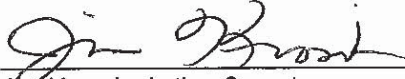
D. Plans were made to attend the Area 2 meeting on June 18 in Alexandria.

VI. New Business

- A. Krosch moved to approve the purchase of a used batwing mower from the county, at a cost of \$2500. Libbon seconded. Passed unanimously.
- B. Krosch moved to amend the following state cost share contracts. Second by Libbon, passed unanimously.
  - 1. Add \$441 of FY2013 funding to help cover additional costs. 1112
  - 2. Add \$306 of FY2013 funding to help cover additional costs. 413
- C. Additions to written staff reports
  - 1. Lembcke reported that the district is almost done with tree plantings for the year.
  - 2. Johnston reported that she and Felicia Brockoff from Carver SWCD will attend the regional Envirothon event in Illinois, as funding for two people from each state to attend is included in the Minnesota state team's registration cost.
  - 3. Rice reported that there is one tree planting site left and talked about changes to the CRP program.
  - 4. Solemsaas introduced the MCC summer intern, Taylor Hufford. He reported that seeding native grasses is off to a slow start because of the weather. There has been a lot of WCA activity recently. He's been working with the county of job class evaluations. There will be a large number of rain garden contracts to be approved at the July meeting.
- D. Cory Walker gave an NRCS Report. He is completing field checks on CSP contracts, working on processing this round of EQIP applications, and discussed changes to the CRP program under the new farm bill. He is also working on wetland determinations related to the County's project on Ditch 30. They have not been able to advertise for the technician position opening yet.
- E. Jared House gave a Pomme de Terre River Watershed report and introduced the board to summer intern Kasey Wiechmann. He summarized results from existing grants so far and informed the board about the septic loan program now available to residents within the Pomme de Terre Watershed.
- F. No supervisor reports.
- G. Krosch moved to approve the Groundwater Monitoring Agreement with the MN DNR. Libbon seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. There will be a special meeting at the end of June to allocate the remaining FY2014 state cost share funding before the deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jim Krosch, Acting Secretary

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