Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 14, 2015

I. Chair Krosch called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Fynboh, Hufford, Huntley, Krosch, Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Lembcke, Rice, Solemsaas, Staebler.

II. The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented after a motion by Supervisor Huntley and second by Supervisor Hufford.

III. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the March 10 regular meeting. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Matters
   A. Hufford moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously.
   B. The board reviewed the 1st quarter budget vs. actual summary.
   C. Huntley moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
      1. Valnes Rentals                         April Rent     836.33
      2. Greg Fynboh                           Supervisor Pay 292.99
      3. Kirby Hufford                         Supervisor Pay  57.14
      4. Don Huntley                          Supervisor Pay  65.76
      5. Jim Krosch                           Supervisor Pay  55.14
      6. Dave Lonergan                        Supervisor Pay  328.83
      7. Stevens County Fair                  Storage rental  600.00
      8. Audubon Center of the North Woods    Northland Niche program 1063.85
      9. Judy Johnston                         Mileage to Enirothon meeting  51.75
     10. Andy Rice                            Meal & lodging for Shade Tree Short Course 330.50
     11. John Lembcke                        Meal & lodging for Shade Tree Short Course 332.75
     12. Otter Tail Power                    Electric bill     37.99
     13. West Central Area 2                2015 Dues            350.00
     14. American                             Shirt order         76.45
     15. NAPA/Famam's Auto Parts               Shop supplies      9.61
     16. Morris Cooperative                   Tire repair          7.50
     17. Iceberg Web Design                   Email hosting, 1 year 120.00
     19. Morris Lumber & Milkwork            Lumber for shop      7.34
     20. USDA FSA                             Annual Copier Use agreement 300.00
     21. Prairie Ecology Bus                 Whale and Wolves programs 1100.00
     22. Federated Telephone                 Internet Connection   69.95
     23. Bremer Card Services                Employee expenses, postage, promo 80.41
     24. Stevens County Highway             Gas                67.86
     25. Pomme de Terre River Association    Grant funding received, 1st half county alloc 235752.00

IV. No Old Business
V. New Business

A. Fynboh moved to approve the application for a Farm Bill partnership grant, funding one FTE position with a required 10% local match. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously.


C. Hufford moved to approve a 2014 Clean Water Fund grant contract #75-15-13-CWF for $2228.75 for a WASCOB. Fynboh seconded and all members voting aye, the motion passed.

D. Huntley moved to approve the Wetland Notice of Decision for a Wetland Bank application involving a 64-acre parcel that is currently in CRP. If approved by the state, this will be the first wetland bank established in Stevens County.

E. A written NRCS Report was distributed. Cory Walker, Stevens County DC, is on vacation.

F. Additions to written staff reports:
   1. Rice talked to the board about recent CRP rate changes in Stevens and surrounding counties.
   2. Solemsaas will be going to the county-wide township meeting this afternoon to speak to township officials regarding weed control.
   3. Staebler reported that she is starting to work on an updated web site. It has been several years since the site was last updated in terms of format. Lonergan moved to approve the expenditure of office maintenance and water plan funding designated for promotion on a professionally redesigned web site. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously.
   4. Johnston reported that the staff has recently attended a few promotional expos and events to promote conservation in the community. The area poster and essay contest will be held at the Area 2 meeting on June 10.

G. Lonergan reported that he has been attending meetings to develop the new county comprehensive plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Greg Fynboh, Secretary

Date: 6-12-15