Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

I. Chair Krosch called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Hufford, Krosch, Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Lembcke, Rice, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Cory Walker, NRCS (10:30).

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

III. Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the February 10 regular meeting. Second by Hufford. Passed unanimously. Hufford moved to approve the minutes from the February 17 special meeting. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Matters
   A. Lonergan moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Second by Hufford. Passed unanimously.
   B. Hufford moved to approve the draft 2014 financial statements. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
   C. Hufford moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
      1. Valnes Rentals March Rent 836.33
      2. Supervisor Pay Kirby Hufford 114.27
      3. Supervisor Pay Jim Krosch 536.69
      4. Supervisor Pay Dave Lonergan 213.47
      5. Stevens County Highway Gas 36.70
      6. KMRS/KKOK Spring Expo booth 200.00
      7. Federated Telephone Internet connection 69.95
      8. Quill Copy paper 64.10
      9. Chokio Review Legal meeting notice 20.19
     10. MACAI Ag Inspector dues 2015 75.00
     11. Tree World Plantskydd inventory 107.91
     12. WCTSA Technical Assistance 3329.06
     13. Morris Area Chamber Resource Expo 10.00
     14. Bremer Area Chamber Promotion & employee expenses 867.11

IV. Old Business
   A. The board held a special meeting on February 17, 2015 to conclude discussions and actions on the district wage scale.
   B. Lonergan moved to approve the 2015 Charges for Services a presented by the staff. Second by Hufford. Passed unanimously.
V. New Business
   A. Hufford moved to approve the 2015 budget, as was presented to the Stevens County commissioners by Solemsaas. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
   B. Cory Walker presented a written NRCS Report. He summarized the report for the board.
   C. Additions to written staff reports:
      1. Rice reported on new CRP rental rates which would potentially increase by about $40 an acre. Lembcke reported that he will be meeting with landowners soon regarding projects coming up for the year. Johnston reported that fundraising for the State Envirothon is going well. Staebler, Johnston, Rice and Solemsaas will attend the Area 2 meeting tomorrow.
      D. Krosch reported on the SFA cover crop field day he attended recently in Alexandria.

Students from the MAHS ag program attended the meeting to ask the board for input on a presentation they will be developing regarding pollinators and agriculture.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Fynboe, Secretary

Date