

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 12, 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. Others present: Jared House, Jeanne Ennen.
- II. The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented after a motion by Supervisor Huntley and second by Supervisor Lonergan.
- III. Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the April regular meeting. Second by Supervisor Supervisor Hufford. Passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Matters

- A. Huntley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- B. Supervisor Fynboh moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Lonergan.

Passed unanimously.

1. Valnes Rentals	May Rent	836.33
2. Gregory Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	55.41
3. Kirby Hufford	Supervisor Pay	57.14
4. Don Huntley	Supervisor Pay	65.76
5. Jim Krosch	Supervisor Pay	66.91
6. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	45.03
7. Judy Johnston	Mileage and meal expense, education	70.09
8. Andy Rice	Tree tubes	99.86
9. West Central Radiator	Tractor AC	1108.78
10. Thrifty White	Folders/education	31.42
11. Munsterman Accounting	Quarterly tax reporting	75.00
12. Lawn & Driveway	8 boxes of staples @ \$35	299.25
13. Bremer	Office Supplies	314.26
14. Ace Hardware	Gloves/trees	10.67
15. Farnam's Genuine Parts	Shop supplies	13.79
16. DJN Electric	Motors	177.63
17. Willie's	Tree planting & fabric supplies	17.99
18. Town & Country Supply	Supplies	86.91
19. Truax	Drill parts	43.47
20. Peterson Company	2014 Financial Statements	850.00
21. Agassiz	Seed inventory	175.55
22. Federated Telephone	Internet	69.95
23. Wolcyn Tree Farms	Tree stock	3593.00
24. Douglas SWCD	Tree fabric	1260.00
25. Morris Fire Control	Annual service on extinguishers	150.60
26. Prairie Trailer	Annual DOT certifications	136.50

27. Amundson Peterson	Disk blade	78.60
28. American	Cash receipt books	117.66
29. Riverwood Bank	Safe Deposit Box Rent	15.00
30. Xylem Designs	Rain garden designs	1615.90
31. OtterTail Power	Electric bill	29.95
32. Custom Fabrication	Parts & Repair	37.18
33. Stevens County Highway	Gas & diesel	829.82

IV. No Old Business

V. New Business

- A. Board and staff discussed who will attend the June 10 Area 2 meeting in Glenwood.
- B. Lonergan moved to approve the Wetland Notice of Decision for a Wetland Bank application near Barrett Lake, if the noted conditions are met. Huntley seconded. Passed unanimously.
- C. Clean Water Fund Allocations
 1. Huntley moved to approve the allocation of \$18,309 in Pomme de Terre 2013 CWF funding to the following contracts. Second by Hufford and passed unanimously.
 - a. \$17,412 to contract 75-17-13-CWF for 100% cost share on a shoreline restoration.
 - b. \$897 to contract 75-16-13-CWF, used in conjunction with FY2014 funds for a total of 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 2. Huntley moved to approve the allocation of \$42,821 in Pomme de Terre 2014 CWF Funding to the following contracts. Second by Hufford. Passed unanimously.
 - a. \$93 to contract 75-16-13-CWF, used in conjunction with FY2013 funding, for a total of 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - b. \$6,852 to contract 75-18-14-CWF for 75% cost share on a side inlet project.
 - c. \$30,750 to contract 75-19-14-CWF for 75% cost share on an alternative tile intake project.
 - d. \$1022 to contract 75-20-14-CWF for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - e. \$1074 to contract 75-21-14-CWF for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - f. \$1093 to contract 75-22-14-CWF for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - g. \$1932 to contract 75-23-14-CWF for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 3. Fynboh moved to approve the allocation of \$17,984 in Pomme de Terre Federal 319 funding to the following contracts. Second by Huntley. Passes unanimously.
 - a. \$5331 to contract 75-1-14-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - b. \$673 to contract 75-2-14-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - c. \$2613 to contract 75-3-14-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - d. \$1445 to contract 75-4-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - e. \$1347 to contract 75-5-14-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - f. \$1321 to contract 75-6-14-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - g. \$1088 to contract 75-7-14-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - h. \$2909 to contract 75-8-14-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
 - i. \$1257 to contract 75-9-14-319 for 75% cost share on a rain garden.
- D. Cory Walker is currently on leave, but presented the board with a written report. The SWCD board decided to continue with their own separate lease with the landowner for their portion of the office building, as has been done in the past, rather than sub-lease from the NRCS.
- E. Jared House gave an update on the Pomme de Terre River Association. There are five grants in progress at this time. One involves a dam removal on Drywood Creek. One involves a septic loan

program, which has not been very successful to date. He asked the board can continue to help promote the availability of these funds to landowners whenever possible. He is also working to establish funding to help cover the cost of a web site update in the near future. The Watershed Academy in Grant County was held recently and received good reviews. The ones in Appleton and Morris were postponed until fall due to lack of registrations. He has arranged for continuing education credits to be available for participating educators at the fall offerings. He also noted he will be judging the Aquatics portion of the state Envirothon on May 18.

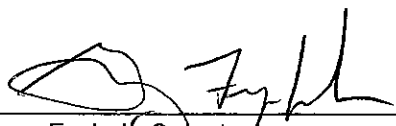
F. Additions to written staff reports

1. Solemsaas reported that seeding is well underway. Seeding of the County Right of Ways is completed and they have done some pasture seedings as well.
2. Rice reported that the tree plantings are about half done. He submitted the request for FY2016 Farm Bill Assistance funding (1 FTE).
3. Lembcke reported that he's been working with landowners to complete rain garden contracts and has been planting trees and getting the drills ready for seeding.
4. Johnston reported that she's working on judging posters and murals and getting things ready to present awards at area schools and complete the area judging at the Area 2 meeting in June.
5. Staebler reported that the web updates will be more expensive than expected but the board agreed she should continue working with Iceberg Web Design to create a new site.

G. There were no supervisor reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Fynbohn, Secretary

6/9/15

Date

