

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 13, 2017

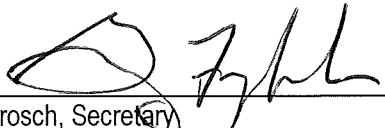
- I. Vice Chair Fynboh called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Feuchtenberger (9:35), Fynboh, Goodnough (left meeting 10:25), Krosch. Staff present: Erickson, Johnston, Lembcke, Linow, Solemsaas (9:35), Staebler, Wiechmann. Others present: Stevens County Commissioner Jeanne Ennen (left meeting 10:35); Pete Waller, BWSR; Cory Walker, NRCS.
- II. Pete Waller, BWSR Board Conservationist, gave a legislative update from the BWSR perspective.
- III. Supervisor Krosch moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- IV. Krosch moved to approve the minutes from the May 2017 regular meeting. Second by Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Supervisor Feuchtenberger moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.
- B. Krosch moved to approved payment of the following bills. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Dennis Feuchtenberger | Supervisor Pay | 69.26 |
| 2. Greg Fynboh | Supervisor Pay | 165.28 |
| 3. Jim Krosch | Supervisor Pay | 79.96 |
| 4. Troy Goodnough | Supervisor Pay | 69.26 |
| 5. Valnes Rentals | June Building Rent | 836.33 |
| 6. Judy Johnston | Employee expenses | 205.87 |
| 7. Mobiz Computers | Service & tech support | 180.00 |
| 8. Ranger Randee | Spring 2017 SWELL administration | 2500.00 |
| 9. American | Poster Contest Prizes | 438.39 |
| 10. Morris Cooperative | Fuel, tires | 314.61 |
| 11. Iceberg Web Design | Monthly service | 39.99 |
| 12. Farnam's Auto Parts | Parts | 86.32 |
| 13. Town & Country | Supplies | 255.18 |
| 14. Agassiz Seed | Seed inventory | 1213.34 |
| 15. Amundson Peterson | 12 ft roller | 10950.00 |
| 16. DJN Electric | PTO repair | 30.00 |
| 17. Custom Fabrication | Mower repair | 462.85 |
| 18. MCIT | Auto & inland marine additions | 1133.00 |
| 19. Forum Communications | Weed control notice | 92.80 |
| 20. OtterTail Power | Electric bill | 77.27 |
| 21. Bremer Card Services | | 1241.75 |
| a. Employee expenses | 119.78 | |
| b. Office supplies | 53.23 | |
| c. Software | 1068.74 | |
| 22. Stevens County Highway | Gas | 652.02 |
| 23. Steve Linow | Gas in TSA vehicle | 140.51 |
- VI. Old Business
- A. Board and staff who plan to attend the Area 2 meeting on June 15 made travel plans.

VII. New Business

- A. Krosch moved to approve registration and travel expenses for Kasey Wiechmann to attend the MASWCD Leadership Institute. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- B. Krosch moved to approve the FY18 DNR Observation Well Monitoring Contract. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- C. Feuchtenberger moved to approve the following District Capacity Cost Share allocations. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.
 - 1. \$1379 to Contract 8-DC-16 for 75% cost share of C Prodoehl rain garden
 - 2. \$1077 to Contract 9-DC-16 for 75% cost share of D Sanderson rain garden
 - 3. \$813 to Contract 10-DC-16 for 75% cost share of J Murphy rain garden
 - 4. \$2222 to Contract 11-DC-16 for 75% cost share of K Mahoney rain garden
 - 5. \$1059 to Contract 12-DC-16 for 75% cost share of M Johnson rain garden
 - 6. \$3629 to Contract 13-DC-16 for 75% cost share of M Schneider rain garden
 - 7. \$1405 to Contract 14-DC-16 for 75% cost share of A Duhammel rain garden
- D. Cory Walker gave a verbal NRCS report. He has been conducting CSP interviews. He noted that all planned WRP burns were completed this spring. There are some soil health trainings coming up.
- E. Additions to written staff reports
 - 1. Solemsaas noted that the FY18 Farm Bill grant application was submitted and will need to be approved. He resubmitted the operational agreement with NRCS as directed. GIS will be available for SWCD use through Stevens County in the near future. The budget committee should meet in July.
 - 2. Erickson reported that he will be on vacation next week.
 - 3. Lembcke reported that there are a few tree sites left to be planted. Rain garden contracts have been finalized so they could be approved today. There is some grass seeding to be done between tree rows. There are some tree varieties left that can be sold.
 - 4. Johnston is starting to work on the next newsletter which will come out in early July. She showed the board the poster contest winners from Stevens County.
 - 5. Wiechmann noted that the Leadership Institute will begin in August. She asked the board for ideas on what type of events they would like to see at a July event to promote AIS prevention. She noted that Judy will be doing a reading session at the library coming up soon.
 - 6. Staebler had no additions to her written report.
 - 7. Linow (WCTSA) reported that he has been conducting site visits and working on surveying projects throughout his work area. He is the project lead for a large ag waste facility in Douglas County.
 - 8. Dalton Uphoff is the 2017 Minnesota Conservation Corps intern. He has been working on tree planting, SWCD grounds maintenance, and is planning to do some mowing and rolling when the fields dry up and he learns how.
- F. Supervisor Reports
 - 1. Earlier in the meeting, Goodnough asked the staff if they could provide reports or summaries related to the DNR Observation Well monitoring and the rain garden projects that have been installed in Stevens County at future meetings.
- G. Commissioner Ennen brought information on an upcoming event. She noted that the commissioners will decide whether or not they wish to take on enforcement of the Buffer Law at their meeting this week.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Krosch, Secretary

7/11/17

Date