Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 8, 2016

I. Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Fynboh, Hufford, Huntley, Krosch, Lonergan. Staff present: Erickson, Lembcke, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Cory Walker, NRCS; Dan Langseth, MDA; Jeanne Ennen.

II. The Agenda was unanimously approved after a motion by Supervisor Lonergan. Second by Supervisor Krosch. Passed unanimously.

III. Dan Langseth, MN Department of Ag, introduced himself as the new representative for our area and gave the board updates on programs he’s working with at this time. He is looking for input on the nitrogen fertilizer management plan and proposed rule changes related to that.

III. Supervisor Fynboh moved to approve the minutes from the February regular meeting. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Matters
   A. Krosch moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
   B. Krosch moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
      1. Greg Fynboh Supervisor Pay 82.76
      2. Kirby Hufford Supervisor Pay 70.88
      3. Don Huntley Supervisor Pay 78.98
      4. Jim Krosch Supervisor Pay 80.06
      5. Dave Lonergan Supervisor Pay 239.65
      6. Valnes Rentals March Rent 836.33
      7. Iceberg Web Design web hosting 19.99
      8. Town & Country Supply supplies 8.96
      9. Prairie Ecology Bus Center educational programs 1795.00
     10. Hardware Hank lock 27.78
     11. Federated Telephone internet connection 69.95
     12. Adam Erickson employee expenses 134.40
     13. American Envirothon awards 891.00
     14. KKOK Spring Expo booth 200.00
     15. Stevens County Gas 91.40

IV. Old Business
   A. The board made plans for a SWCD planning retreat, to be held after the April 12 board meeting.
   B. Solemsaas, Lonergan and Krosch will attend the MASWCD Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol.
   C. There were 8 applications for District Technician opening. Interviews will be held within the next week.
V. New Business
   A. Krosch moved to pass a resolution adopting the Stevens County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan as the SWCD Comprehensive Plan. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
   B. The 2016 District Capacity grant work plan was submitted recently and includes funding for a vehicle purchase, equipment purchases, computer and software for a new employee, additional office rent for additional space, and cost share funding for landowner BMPs. Krosch moved to authorize Solemsaas to use capacity services funding to purchase a Ford 1-ton pickup for the quoted price, a dump trailer, tiller, and computer and software. Second by Hufford. Passed unanimously.
   C. Cory Walker gave a verbal NRCS Report. March 31 is the CSP application deadline. He reported on current EQIP applications and noted that he has a new full time administrative assistant, Victoria Jasper.
   D. Additions to written Staff Reports
      1. Solemsaas reported that he’s administered several pesticide applicator tests, is working on getting a TSA employee housed out of the Stevens SWCD office, and noted that the districts tree fabric inventory should arrive tomorrow.
      2. Erickson is planning to attend the soil health seminar this year.
      3. Lembcke is meeting with a lot of landowners to finalize different projects.
   E. No Supervisor Reports

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Hufford, Secretary

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Date