

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

- I. Chair Fynboh called the regular meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Goodnough, Lonergan. Staff present: Erickson, Jenc, Johnston, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Jeanne Ennen, county commissioner; Cory Walker, NRCS.

- II. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

- III. Personnel Reports
 - A. District Conservationist Walker gave an NRCS Report. The CRP plan work done by SWCD staff has exceeded the requirements of the Contribution Agreement and he thanked Kasey and Adam for their work on these. Beginning October 1, he completed his duty in Swift County and will be back to working in only Stevens for the time being. Eventually, there will be a supervisor for Douglas, Pope, Grant, Stevens and Traverse housed in Douglas County, as part of the NRCS shift to 4 admin areas throughout the state. Grant and Swift are currently hiring DCs. The fall payment process will start soon. There have been some construction issues this fall. There is no approved Farm Bill at this time.
 - B. Commissioner Ennen thanked the board for attending the recent buffer law meeting and for the staff for working to get the current 94% compliance status. There will be a public hearing regarding the redetermination of Ditches 18 & 25. She encouraged input from the SWCD and Walker noted that he has already been talking to the county engineer regarding some compliance issues that will come up with the plan as it is now.
 - C. Additions to written staff reports:
 - a. Solemsaas reviewed shed construction options. He showed the board some drone footage of a WCA wetland bank site visit he completed recently. He summarized information from the last Chippewa watershed project LWG meeting. They will be having another meeting today.
 - b. Erickson and Jenc will be working on some flagging of project areas prior to fall seeding. He will attend a conservation tillage conference in December. He will be attending buffer meetings with BWSR.
 - c. John is out this morning.
 - d. Jenc reported that there are 13 MAWQCP certified producers in Stevens County now. We are second-highest in terms of acreage within our area. It was reported today that zebra mussels have been found in Perkins Lake. They have been sent to a DNR Specialist for positive identification. She will be talking with the DNR about what things we can do going forward.
 - e. Johnston reported that Conservation Day was postponed a week because of bad weather. Supervisor Goodnough asked about a celebration or other ways to highlight MAWQCP certifications, and about a seminar or some way to highlight rain gardens that have been installed as well.
 - f. Staebler reported that she completed the financial statement audit recently and is waiting for the draft from the CPA.

IV. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the September 2018 regular meeting. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.

V. Financial Matters

A. Lonergan moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

B. Lonergan moved to approved payment of the following bills. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.

1. Valnes Rentals	October Building Rent	2187.00
2. Judy Johnston	Employee expenses	128.79
3. Kasey Jenc	Employee expenses	13.19
4. Steve Linow	Mileage on TSA vehicle	123.72
5. American	Conservation Day sling bags	1025.50
6. MCIT	Insurance additions	124.00
7. Morris Fire Control	Annual extinguisher service	56.00
8. Shopko	Educational	34.21
9. Stevens County Highway	Gas	827.82
10. Morris Cooperative	Diesel	152.22
11. Town & Country	Supplies	61.39

VI. Old Business

A. Prep work on the ground for the shed expansion will begin this week. Solemsaas is collecting bids for the electrical work and is considering options for heating and cooling.

VII. New Business

A. Anderson moved to approve the Monitoring Plan for Buffer Compliance Tracking as drafted. Buffer Law requires the plan to be posted on the web site by November 1. As of now, it includes about 1600 parcels including lakeshore. Second by Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.

B. Staebler distributed the MASWCD Convention Program and tentative plans were made for attending.

C. Lonergan moved to amend contract 6/18SCS to extend the completion deadline. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.

D. Goodnough moved to approve well sealing cost share of \$300 for D Noordmans. Second by Lonergan. The board discussed the need for amending the next water plan budget to allow for additional project funding in this area.

E. The board completed resolution voting.

VIII. No Supervisor Reports in addition to what has already been discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Lonergan, Secretary

11/13/18

Date