

**Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 13, 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, Lembcke, Linow, Solemsaas, Staebler, school job shadow Brady Cardwell. Others present: Jeanne Ennen, county commissioner; Cory Walker, NRCS.
  
- II. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
  
- III. Personnel Reports
  - A. District Conservationist Walker gave an NRCS Report. CRP is on hold until we have a 2019 Farm Bill. December 14 is the deadline for payments on existing contracts and they are processing those now.
  - B. Commissioner Ennen reported on the proposed methane pipeline and summarized discussions, questions and concerns of the Board of Commissioners up to this point. There will be two public hearings and additional input taken prior to making any decisions. The newly-elected commissioner will be starting this month. They are taking a road tour today.
  - C. Additions to written staff reports:
    - a. Solemsaas reported on PDTRA activity related to 1W1P. He noted that HEI has been contracted as the 1W1P consultant for the BdSWD and they will potentially facilitate the entire process. He reported further on the wetland violation he demonstrated at the last meeting. The violation has been corrected but the site has not yet been checked by the DNR. The district has started the process on a couple non-compliant buffers within the county. Seedings were put to a stop by the weather. BWSR Academy was good this year.
    - b. Erickson is waiting on the re-opening of CRP to approve more buffer compliance plans. He is finalizing work on a new CREP easement. He showed the board a sample of a RIM/WRP plan.

Landowner Aldean Luthi joined the meeting to discuss the alternative practices policy and his concerns about the practicality of manure application guidelines within the policy. The board tabled action on revising the policy until they can look further at BMP recommendations and how they relate to policy.

- c. Lembcke reported that the shed expansion is in the works. Once it's finished he'll be putting equipment away and returning the leased tractors.
- d. Staebler noted that there will be some cost share approvals brought up at the next meeting which need to be completed before the end of the year. She noted that Johnston would like the board to think about dates that work for a building holiday party.
- e. Jenc reported that she's working on the revised AIS prevention plan and is adding in information about zebra mussels, which were found in Perkins (South Pomme de Terre) Lake this fall.

- f. Linow reported on the fall construction and certifications he's been working on recently. He has been busy in Stevens as well as other counties and will bring a slideshow to the next meeting of the various projects he has a hand in. He has 6 more lakeshore and ag waste structures to design.

IV. Loneragan moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

V. Financial Matters

A. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.

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

1. Debbie Anderson	Supervisor Pay	86.51
2. Dennis Feuchtenberger	Supervisor Pay	69.27
3. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	82.89
4. Troy Goodnough	Supervisor Pay	70.16
5. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	79.97
6. Valnes Rentals	November Building Rent	2187.00
7. Town & Country	Supplies	139.88
8. Stevens County Times	Annual Subscription	53.00
9. Randee Hokanson	Ranger Randee half year	2500.00
10. Bankord's Electric	Trenching	90.00
11. Northern Impressions	Mulch	399.00
12. Miscellaneous schools	Conservation Day busing	310.00
13. Audubon Center	Conservation Day Programs	1208.31
14. MASWCD	Convention Registrations	1380.00
15. Agassiz Seed	Seed inventory	10297.55
16. Mobiz	Computer service	249.99
17. Otter Tail Power	Electric bill	22.96
18. Peterson Company	2017 Audited Financial Statements	2275.00
19. Forum Communications	Advertising	200.00
20. Jim Riley & Sons	Excavation for shed expansion	5250.00
21. HPS Rental	Conservation Day porta-pots	171.00
22. Morris Cooperative	Chemical and fuel	261.96
23. Luethner & Huether	RIM reimbursable expenses	856.83
24. NAPA	Parts	5.49
25. Morris Bearing	Parts	31.39
26. Eco Water Systems	Water for Conservation Day	18.75
27. Seales & Munsterman Acctg	Quarterly tax reports	62.25
28. Willie's	Conservation Day expenses	344.12
29. Bremer Card Services		618.68
a. Office Maintenance	32.78	
b. BWSR Academy expenses	222.00	
c. AIS promotion	39.58	
d. TSA related expenses	324.32	

- VI. Old Business
  - A. Solemsaas reported on progress with the shed expansion. He received two estimates for the electrical. Feuchtenberger moved to approve the bid for electrical work by Bankord Electric. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously. Feuchtenberger also moved to approve installation of heat (no air conditioning). Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
  - B. BWSR tabled a decision on the RIM violation in Stevens County until their January meeting.
- VII. New Business
  - A. None
- VIII. No Supervisor Reports in addition to what has already been discussed. Board members discussed personal contributions to the MASWCD Auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dave Lonergan, Secretary

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Date