

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 12, 2019

- I. Chair Goodnough called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Goodnough, Lonergan. Staff present: Erickson, Johnston, Lembcke, Staebler. Others present: Britta Haseman, NRCS.

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

- III. Personnel Reports
 - A. NRCS Britta Haseman reported for Cory Walker. Cory plans to try to attend one board meeting per quarter and will send reports with Britta for the other meetings he'll miss now that he is based out of Douglas County as the Customer Service Team Lead for the 5 county area. Britta summarized EQIP and other program applications being processed at this time and talked about construction projects in the works. She also mentioned a soil health tour in Bismarck.
 - B. Commissioner Ennen was not able to attend the meeting.
 - C. Additions to written staff reports:
 - a. Solemsaas reported that we received the CREP grant funding that will be available to replace a portion of the Farm Bill grant, which is not available for FY20. He is working with NRCS to complete a contribution agreement to help pay for SWCD staff time working on CRP plans. The agreement will be for the completion of 75 plans at \$440 each. He sent in a preliminary budget requesting the same amount as years past and he will be meeting with the county commissioners next week to present the formal budget request.
 - b. Erickson has been working with landowners to get site prep done so fall seedings can take place and staff have also been completing mowings this month. He has two pending CREP applications. Things are finally moving forward regarding the RIM non-compliance he was waiting for a response from BWSR on. He brought up and the board discussed a proposal for a deviance from the buffer compliance policy set earlier by the board. The board does allow for alterative practice proposals but in general favors leaving the policy requirements as they stand so as not to set a precedence for exceptions.
 - c. Lembcke reported that both mowers are down for the moment and he's working on getting those repaired so they can continue with completing mowing requests. He and the summer staff are working on rain garden installations as well.
 - d. Johnston reported that the promotional booths at Hort Night and the Stevens County Fair were well attended and seemed to generate a lot of interest in rain gardens. She has been working on an award submission for the Outstanding Conservationist and also a letter of recommendation for an outstanding teacher award for a teacher in Pope County. The fall newsletter will go out in October. She has the board for input on whether to continue a paper newsletter or go with only an electronic version and the board was in favor of 2 paper editions per year in addition to the annual review. The board also discussed the possibility of including past outstanding conservationists in the fair slideshow as a way to highlight and feature past winners.
 - e. Staebler reported that she's working on reports and preparations for the financial statement audits and will be following up on the one unpaid invoice. As of now, other accounts are current.

- IV. Supervisor Feuchtenberger moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

- V. Financial Matters

- A. Lonerган moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
- B. Lonerган moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Debbie Anderson | Supervisor Pay | 157.72 |
| 2. Dennis Feuchtenberger | Supervisor Pay | 138.53 |
| 3. Greg Fynboh | Supervisor Pay | 153.03 |
| 4. Troy Goodnough | Supervisor Pay | 140.33 |
| 5. Dave Lonergan | Supervisor Pay | 231.36 |
| 6. Valnes Rentals | August Building Rent | 2187.00 |
| 7. Town & Country | Supplies | 245.55 |
| 8. NAPA | Parts (truck & mower repair, misc) | 195.61 |
| 9. Morning Sky Greenery | Rain garden plant stock | 416.75 |
| 10. Morris Bearing | Parts | 16.14 |
| 11. Morris Cooperative | Fuel & chemical | 288.11 |
| 12. Tri-County Cooperative | Gas | 57.00 |
| 13. Midwest Machinery | Parts | 4.93 |
| 14. Frontier Precision | Drone purchase & accessories | 2658.44 |
| 15. Bankord's | Gutter installation on storage shed | 680.00 |
| 16. Wildlife Forever | AIS promo | 150.00 |
| 17. McGinnis Appliance | Tree cooler service | 95.00 |
| 18. Lawn & Driveway | Mulch (5 yd @ \$57/yd) | 285.00 |
| 19. Otter Tail Power | Electric Bill, shed | 65.56 |
| 20. Forum Communications | Hort Night Ad | 25.00 |
| 21. Stevens County Highway | Fuel | 1250.07 |
| 22. Bremer Bank | | 857.79 |
| | Office Maintenance | 211.70 |
| | Vehicle decal (van) | 133.74 |
| | Employee expenses | 512.35 |

VI. Old Business

- A. Darin & Derek Woodke accepted their nomination for 2019 Outstanding Conservationists. Judy will be interviewing them in the near future and we will make an application for Area Conservationist as well.
- B. Fynboh moved to approve the 1:1 replacement ratio requirement for the RIM replacement plan, which was outlined in their letter to the BWSR Board in July of 2018. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

- A. Lonerган moved to approve the 2020-2021 Programs & Operations Grant Agreement. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- B. Anderson moved to accept the bid of \$650 for the purchase and installation of 2 ceiling fans in the storage shed. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- C. Cost Share Contract Approvals
1. Lonerган moved to approve the following Buffer Cost Share payment. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
 - a. \$780 to 3-BUFFER contract (2.6 acres Kampmeier)
 2. Approve cost share allocations
 - a. Anderson moved to allocate \$11,619 to contract 75-9-16-319 for 6 sediment dams in conjunction with EQIP (Wulf). Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Lonerган moved to allocate \$21,389 to 75-1-19-CWF for Perkins Lake shoreline protection project (Donnelly Rod & Gun). Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

- c. Fynboh moved to allocate \$3278 to 75-8-16-319 Whalen rain garden. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
- 3. Loneragan moved to approve amendment of 75-2-16-319 to allow for extended start and completion dates. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- D. The MAWQCP landowner meeting will be held August 21 in the SWCD storage shed. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- E. The budget committee will meet at 9 a.m. Monday to discuss the budget proposal to the county.
- F. Goodnough brought up a request for information from a landowner adjacent to the City of Morris RIM. Board and staff discussed the easement and the maintenance that has been and should be done on the project. Solemsaas offered to go with Goodnough and the landowner to take an informational tour of the area.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

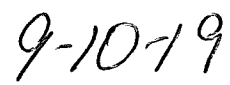
- A. Fynboh will be attending the Bois de Sioux bus tour.
- B. Loneragan noted that he thinks it's better to have two people in the fair booth at a time if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Anderson, Secretary



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