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, Staebler, Solemsaaas. Others present: Britta Haseman, NRCS; Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County Commissioner; Micayla Lakey, Pomme de Terre River Association Coordinator.

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

III. Personnel Reports
A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported on behalf of Cory Walker. There are no CCRP signups happening but there will be a general signup in December. FSA and NRCS staff will be participating in a training about this next week. They are working on paying out CSP contracts, but only about 30% are being funded right now. They are also finishing up on as-bults and finalizing EQIP projects which were constructed this year. There will be a Conservation Desktop training happening in December. There are three dates to choose from and Adam and John will need to take this in addition to NRCS staff. There will be a very high workload for the next CRP signup, but they don’t know the timeline yet.

B. Commissioner Ennen gave an updated on the County Ditch 18 project. They are dealing with a petition for a mandatory EAW right now, which is intended to block completion of the project. The board also reviewed the draft CWMP for the Pomme de Terre Watershed at their last meeting. She also mentioned that with the remodel of the DAC, they may be interested in installing a rain garden.

C. Additions to written staff reports:
   a. Solemsaaas showed the board the draft CWMP for the Pomme de Terre Watershed. The informal review period is open until December 2. He reported that the Bois de Sioux is working on setting project priorities. The wetland delineation for county ditch 18 will be approved this week. He worked with Pete to get an extension on the buffer cost share grant which will enable us to use more of the remaining funding. Program technician Jenc resigned her position in the beginning of November. There is a potential application for RCCP funding in the works which involves multiple counties.
   b. Erickson reported that they have wrapped up seeding for the season except for some broadcasting they will try once they finish calibrating the seeder. The CRFP he has been working on is making progress again. He and Matt met with county personnel regarding the next steps in implementing buffer law compliance. They will send letters soon regarding a 30-day deadline.
   c. Jenc has taken a position at the Douglas SWCD. The board discussed having a PF position located here. Staff mentioned that if there is a CRP application period opening, there will be a lot of extended contracts to process so work load will be high.
   d. Johnston reported that Stevens and Pope counties together nominated Kaley Poegel from Glacial Hills Elementary as Outstanding Teacher of the year. She was selected and will be recognized at the Monday luncheon at the MASWCD Convention. The district will celebrate 65 years in 2021 so she is starting to look at ideas for a celebration.
e. Staebler reported that she learned a lot during the BWSR Academy sessions this year.

IV. Supervisor Feuchtnerberger moved to approve the minutes from the October regular and special meetings. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.

V. Financial Matters
   A. Lonergan moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Feuchtnerberger. Passed unanimously.
   B. Feuchtnerberger moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
      1. Debbie Anderson        Supervisor Pay                  140.33
      2. Dennis Feuchtnerberger Supervisor Pay                  69.27
      3. Greg Fynboh           Supervisor Pay                  236.79
      4. Troy Goodnough        Supervisor Pay                  70.16
      5. Dave Lonergan         Supervisor Pay                  311.97
      6. Valnes Rentals        October Building Rent             2187.00
      7. Valnes Rentals        November Building Rent             2187.00
      8. Farnam's Auto Parts   Parts                           85.61
      9. MN Dept of Ag         Nursery Stock Dealer License       225.00
     10. Valu Ford             Tire repair/maintenance          117.65
     11. Grant County Herald  Newsletter                        960.35
     12. Town & Country       Supplies                          88.38
     13. Morris Lumber & Millwork Shop supplies                11.42
     14. St Mary's             Conservation Day bus stipend       75.00
     15. Federated Telephone  Internet connection                 109.95
     16. Otter Tail Power     Electric bill                    29.22
     17. MN PEIP              Insurance premiums                 1655.60
     18. Truax Company        Seed slinger seeder               702.31
     19. Morris Cooperative   Tires Ford pickup                 243.01
     20. Ace Hardware          AIS signs                        45.92
     21. Morris Bearing       Anti-freeze                      20.00
     22. Seales & Munsterman  Quarterly tax help                75.00
     23. Millborn Seeds       Seed inventory                   2968.05
     24. Bremer Card Services Employee Expenses/Mtg & BWSR Academy  282.91
                Postage & wireless hotspot              85.30
                TSA expenses                        299.06

VI. No Old Business

VII. New Business
   A. Fynboh moved to approve allocation of $7031 to contract 2-DC-19 in conjunction with EQIP. Anderson seconded. Passed unanimously.
C. Solemsaas distributed a draft of the Chippewa Joint Powers Agreement, which is modeled after the Pomme de Terre’s agreement. It is being circulated amongst districts and counties involved and will hopefully be approved at the beginning of the year.

D. Anderson moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share grant agreement amendment. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Supervisor Reports
   A. Both the Bois de Sioux and Pomme de Terre watershed groups will have meetings December 12 & 13.
   B. Board discussed MASWCD Convention preparations. Judy requested donations from staff and supervisors for Auction items.
   C. The County Assessor agreed to meet with the board at a future meeting to discuss how enrollment in conservation programs affects property tax values.
   D. Goodnough mentioned the idea of having another retreat next spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Anderson, Secretary

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Date