

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 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, Staebler, Solemsaas. 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-builts 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. Solemsaas 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 CREP 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 Feuchtenberger 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 Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

B. Feuchtenberger moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

1. Debbie Anderson	Supervisor Pay	140.33
2. Dennis Feuchtenberger	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		667.27
	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.

B. Anderson moved to approve the updated AIS Prevention Plan for 2020. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously. Jenc recommended that Johnston attend future AIS educational offerings for staff.

- 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

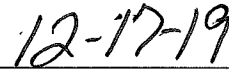
- A. Both the Bois de Sioux and Pomme de Terre watershed groups will have meetings December 12 & 13.
- B. Board discussed MASWCD Convention preparations. Judy requested donations from staff and supervisors for Auction items.
- C. The County Assessor agreed to meet with the board at a future meeting to 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



Date