

**Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 11, 2020**  
**Morris Fire Hall**

- I. Vice Chair Lonergan called the regular meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Fynboh, Goodnough (via phone), Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Melissa McCann, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- III. Personnel Reports
  - A. Additions to Melissa McCann written NRCS Report: She gave a short program update and mentioned that she submitted the minutes from the Local Work Group meetings held the last two months during our meetings. CRP contract work is being completed before the deadline at the beginning of September. Redeterminations for wetlands have been slow.
  - B. Local Work Group session
    - a. The board reviewed their rankings from last meeting, clarified some items and asked and answered additional questions.
  - C. Commissioner Ennen was not present as the county commissioners had a budget meeting this morning.
  - D. Additions to written staff reports
    - a. Solemsaas reported that the 1W1P CWMP that was presented to BWSR's north region reps and they have recommended it for approval by the full board, which will address it at their August 26 meeting. The Bois de Sioux plan is also moving quickly and they hope to have it to BWSR for approval by the end of the year. The next round of CREP funding went through and he submitted a request for a 75% FTE grant amount of \$69,000. Adam and John will be working to help NRCS and FSA complete 50 CRP plans and the district will receive a \$20,000 contribution agreement for that work. He is having a budget meeting at the end of the week with Dennis and Debbie and will present a draft to the county. In speaking with the County Coordinator, he's already been told they are not increasing any allocations this year, but he is requesting some of the riparian aid funding which is already allocated towards work we are doing related to buffer compliance. He showed the board a map of the areas in the county which are affected by the nitrogen restrictions which will be starting on September 1.
    - b. Johnston reported that the AIS event we hoped to hold this month was cancelled because of restrictions related to the virus. Conservation Day and Water Fest will be held virtually this year. The We Are Water Exhibit will be in Morris August 20-October 19. Elliot Richards will be speaking at the Museum about AIS on September 24 and there will be a Prairie Yard & Garden episode on rain gardens sometime soon as well. She isn't sure yet about the likelihood of fall classes at SWELL.
- IV. Supervisor Fynboh moved to approve the minutes from the July regular meeting. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
  - A. Anderson moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
  - B. The board reviewed 6/30 Balance Sheet and grant funding overview.
  - C. Fynboh moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.

1. Valnes Rentals	August Rent	2187.00
2. Debbie Anderson	Supervisor Pay	70.16
3. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	152.90
4. Troy Goodnough	Supervisor Pay	70.16
5. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	161.02
6. Morris Bearing	Parts	37.68
7. Bakko Brothers	Parts	171.29
8. Innovo	Health Insurance Premiums	385.70
9. Ace Hardware	Parts	38.97
10. Donnelly Co-op	Fuel & antifreeze	110.96
11. Town & Country	Supplies	167.34
12. Farnam's	Parts	173.98

13. Morning Sky	Rain garden plants	775.40
14. Otter Tail Power	Electric bill, shed	34.38
15. Bremer Card Services		170.85
a. Office Maintenance	98.61	
b. TSA Expenses	72.24	

VI. Old Business

- A. All non-essential business will be tabled until future meetings, including:
1. Policy handbook revisions
  2. 2021 Budget

VII. New Business

A. Cost Share Contract Approvals

1. Anderson moved to approve payment of the following contracts. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
  - a. \$24865.88 to contract 75-2-16-319 to a WASCOD project
2. Anderson moved to approve the following allocation of funding. Second by Fynboh, passed unanimously.
  - a. \$16274 to contract 75-2-19-CWF for not more than 75% total cost share on a Heinrichs Farms WASCOD project in conjunction with EQIP.
  - b. Another project was considered for funding but the board tabled action until a formal bid for the project is received.

B. Anderson moved to approve the CREP grant agreement for \$69,000 for a 75% FTE position. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

C. Supervisor Goodnough moved to approve the 3-year cover crop agreement with the Bois de Sioux. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously. This will allow us to spend \$5000 on cover crop projects in that watershed area.


D. The board discussed nominations for the 2020 Outstanding Conservationist. In light of the fact that the award winner would not be able to be celebrated at the annual convention this year, the board decided to postpone awarding a recipient until next year.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- a. Greg attended the Bois de Sioux 1W1P meeting. They are working on an MOA/JPA and still have a little work to do before all are in agreement on the language of it.
- b. Three of 4 resolutions voted on at the Area 2 meeting passed.
- c. The 2020 MASWCD Annual Convention will be held virtually this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Greg Fynboh, Secretary

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