

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Morris Fire Hall

- I. Chair Feuchtenberger called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Goodnough, Lonergan. Staff present: Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Melissa McCann, NRCS; Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County Commissioner (9:50).
- II. Supervisor Lonergan 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 report and noted a couple grants that are available outside the USDA that producers might be interested in. The SWCD helped process 135 CRP renewals in Stevens and surrounding counties.
- B. Commissioner Ennen joined the meeting after her commissioner meeting was over. She reported that they just approved a bond for County Ditch 18 and that ditches 25 and 5 should see bonds coming up soon. The county is trying to allocated CARES funding that was received to it's departments in need. There were about 40 applications in the first round and there will be another round.
- C. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas reported that the Pomme de Terre is now looking at completing the work plan for 1W1P implementation funding. Thee Bois de Sioux CWMP is out for public comment. He applied for county CARES funding to purchase tablets for the board to use in attending virtual meetings and conducting district business online. Dennis mentioned that he had a comment from one county commissioner that Matt did a nice job presenting the budget request to the county board.
- b. The board discussed Erickson's report and requested a list of names of landowners in the county who are still out of compliance with the MN Buffer Law. Ennen mentioned that the county commissioners would appreciate having that list as well.
- IV. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the August regular meeting. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Lonergan moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously. Staebler noted that reimbursements for August staff time were not included in the report.
- B. Fynboh moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously. Staebler noted that since it is so early in the month, not all monthly bills had been paid. These will be paid when they arrive and reflected in the next Treasurer's Report.
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| 1. Valnes Rentals | September Rent | 2187.00 |
| 2. Debbie Anderson | Supervisor Pay | 140.32 |
| 3. Dennis Feuchtenberger | Supervisor Pay | 138.53 |
| 4. Greg Fynboh | Supervisor Pay | 152.91 |
| 5. Troy Goodnough | Supervisor Pay | 70.16 |
| 6. Dave Lonergan | Supervisor Pay | 161.02 |
| 7. Morris Cooperative | Fuel | 56.52 |
| 8. Morris Lumber | | 75.98 |
| 9. Midwest Machinery | Tractor Lease | 765.00 |
- VI. Old Business
1. None

VII. New Business

- A. Lonergeran moved to approve a resolution to approve the Pomme de Terre River Association CWMP. Second by Troy Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- B. Goodnough moved to approve an agreement with Peterson Company to complete the 2019 audited financial statements. Second by Gynboh. Passed unanimously. Cost will be \$2750.
- C. Anderson moved to approve the 2021 Budget. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- D. Cost Share Contract Approvals
 - 1. Anderson moved to allocate \$19,739 to contract 3-DC19 for up to 75% total cost share in conjunction with EQIP on S Schaefer WASCOB project. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously. This contract was discussed last month and the allocation was based on updated bids received and anticipated EQIP cost share.
 - 2. Lonergeran moved to approve an amendment to contract 5-DC17 B Searle. Fynboh seconded. Passed unanimously. Allocation amounts, maximum amount of cost share percentage, contract end date, and contract effective life were amended.


VIII. Supervisor Reports

- a. Chris will send an email when she knows the details of the Area 2 meeting.
- b. Troy mentioned the We Are Water and Why Treaties Matter exhibits at UMM and encouraged others to attend. They will be installed in the Morrison Gallery until October 19. He also mentioned the September 24 Catch of the Day presentations and the history of fishing exhibit currently installed at the Historical Museum. Judy has been helping him with these exhibits.
- c. Lonergeran mentioned that he appreciated the detail in Steve Linow's staff report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Morrison Gallery at UMM. The board will visit the gallery exhibits and then move to the Fire Hall for the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Fynboh, Secretary

10/21/20
Date