

**Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**  
**1:35 p.m. SWCD Office**

- I. Chair Lonergan called the regular meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. after some members of the board attended the Area 2 meeting in Pope County. Board members present: Anderson, Goodnough, Fynboh, Lonergan. Staff present: Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Melissa McCann, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
  - A. Melissa McCann, NRCS, gave a report on recent activity in her agency. She is working on EQIP payments, CSP renewals, and CRP contracting, which is almost done for this round. She will be presenting a session at Conservation Day on September 30.
  - B. Commissioner Ennen was not present as the Board of Commissioners was in a budget work session this morning.
  - C. No additions to written staff reports.
- IV. Fynboh moved to approve the minutes from the August Regular Meeting. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.

V. Financial Matters

- 1. Supervisor Goodnough moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- 2. Anderson moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

a. Valnes Rentals	September Rent	2187.00
b. Debbie Anderson	Supervisor Pay	116.94
c. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	129.44
d. Troy Goodnough	Supervisor Pay	162.86
e. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	254.04
f. Otter Tail Power	Electric bill, shed	37.46
g. Town & Country	Supplies	313.04
h. Morris Cooperative	Gas & diesel	178.92
i. Stevens County Times	Advertising (150th anniversary issue)	175.00
j. Willie's	MAWQCP meeting	75.85
k. Stevens County Recorder	Deed copies	44.50
l. WC TSA 2	Technical Assistance PDT Q2	2662.36
m. Morris Lumber	Rain garden catch basins	179.96
n. Lawn & Driveway	3 yds Mulch @ \$57	171.00
o. Douglas SWCD	Trees	493.70
p. Bremer Card Services		691.40
i. Office Maintenance		479.70
ii. Office Supplies		184.59
iii. Education expenses		27.11

VI. Old Business

- A. Regarding Cost Share Contract 2-DC20, which was allocated \$12,469.05 during the 8/10/21 board meeting, Solemsaas confirmed for the board some of the questions they had last month regarding the large difference in price between the bid price and engineer's estimates available for this contract. Solemsaas was not present at the 8/10/21 meeting to explain the difference and therefore the board allocated funding based on the estimate and not the bid. After explanation of the process and reasons for the large price difference, the board re-iterated again what they discussed at the last meeting, which was that they will allocation additional funding as needed if funding is available upon completion of the contract.

VII. New Business

- A. Anderson moved to approve the 2022-2023 Programs & Operations Grant Agreement. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- B. Goodnough moved to approve the district non-structural (cover crop) cost share project policy. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously. There was discussion about changing the fall tillage requirements/restrictions in the future. It was also noted that the current funding through the BDSWS uses different policy developed by that organization.
- C. New Cost Share Amendments
  - 1. Anderson moved to allocate \$1300 (flat rate \$26/ac for 50 acres based on the BDSWS Cover Crop Agreement) to Contract 1-BDS-CC. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously. This cover crop contract in Rendsville 7 (Larson) will use a 4-specie mix.
  - 2. Fynboh moved to approve up to 75% cost share or \$5861.25 to 1946 Legacy Farms Contract #3-DC20 for 2 side inlets in Baker 3. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. Fynboh, Lonergan and Goodnough attended the Area 2 meeting at Rosholt Research Farm in Pope County. The presentations were very well done.
- B. There was a soil health field day held at Fynboh's farm recently. The local soil health team is looking to expand their team.
- C. Lonergan attended the last Pomme de Terre River Association meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Troy Goodnough, Secretary

10/12/21

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Date