

**Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m. SWCD Office**

- I. Chair Anderson 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: Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner; Melissa McCann, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Goodnough moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. Melissa McCann, NRCS, gave a program update. She discussed application periods and she is working on CSP rankings, and CRP contracts. The LWG group will be meeting during the next board meeting. She was attempting to hold this meeting in conjunction with other counties, but they were not interested.
- B. Commissioner Ennen reported that the final hearings for Ditches 5 & 18 happened at the end of March. They are working on getting the bonding to go through for Ditch 25. They have been attending township meetings recently.
- C. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas reported that the Chippewa River 1W1P public meeting held last week was well attended. Supervisor Feuchtenberger also attended. He recently attended MASWCD Legislative Day with Supervisor Lonergan. There was a small article in the paper. The SWCD Aids bill is moving through.
- b. Erickson discussed pending buffer compliance agreements with landowners. The county is preparing to charge landowners not in compliance with misdemeanors. Continued compliance on other parcels will be monitored continuously. He also updated the board on the RIM encroachment issue that the state has been working on, as well as an ownership issue on another parcel.
- IV. Fynboh moved to approve the minutes from the March Regular Meeting. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Supervisor Feuchtenberger moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Supervisor Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- B. Fynboh moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
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|----|---------------------------------|---|---------|
| a. | Valves Rentals                  | April Rent                                | 2187.00 |
| b. | Debbie Anderson                 | Supervisor Pay                            | 268.97  |
| c. | Dennis Feuchtenberger           | Supervisor Pay                            | 381.41  |
| d. | Greg Fynboh                     | Supervisor Pay                            | 404.81  |
| e. | Troy Goodnough                  | Supervisor Pay                            | 116.94  |
| f. | Dave Lonergan                   | Supervisor Pay                            | 754.27  |
| g. | Ace Hardware                    | ALS supplies                              | 32.47   |
| h. | Town & Country                  | Supplies                                  | 14.38   |
| i. | Willie's                        | Meeting expenses                          | 10.18   |
| j. | Stevens County Times            | Annual Review                             | 370.00  |
| k. | Metro Sales                     | Copier Lease                              | 157.71  |
| l. | Innovo/MN PEIP                  | Health Insurance Premium                  | 459.60  |
| m. | OtterTail Power                 | Electric service                          | 33.32   |
| n. | Stevens County Highway          | Gas                                       | 126.57  |
| o. | Morris Area Chamber of Commerce | Annual Dues                               | 350.00  |
| p. | Bremer Card Services            |   | 3234.59 |
|    | i.                              | ALS Promotion                             | 1058.16 |
|    | ii.                             | Office Maintenance (Includes ESRI \$1515) | 1739.61 |
|    | iii.                            | Legislative Day registrations & expenses  | 327.50  |
|    | iv.                             | Mgr Mtg hotel Solemsaas                   | 109.32  |

VI. Commissioner Ennen mentioned that the SWCD could look at extending the county wage scale to account for staff members who have reached the end of the steps in their grade.

VII. New Business

- A. Fynboh moved to approve cost share contract 1-20-SCS for \$8178 up to 75% total cost share in conjunction with EQIP (Backman WASCObS). Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously. The board discussed county projects and setting priority areas for these in the future.
- B. Goodnough moved to approve the rental of the garage next to the office location, for an additional \$350 per month. We will reassess after a year and see whether or not the extra area was truly needed.



VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. Reminder that the filing period for Supervisor elections is open from MAY 17 to May 31, 2022.
- B. The Area 2 meeting in March was well attended and we had good comments on the presentation by Goodnough. Pete Waller, BWSR, invited him to present on this topic during an upcoming BWSR staff meeting.
- C. May meeting date TBD. May be cancelled if there is no pressing business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Feuchtenberger, Secretary

6/14/2022

Date

TROY GOODNOUGH,  
Supervisor's  
Treasurer