

**Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 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: Melissa McCann, NRCS.

II. Supervisor Feuchtenberger moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

III. Reports

- A. Melissa McCann, NRCS, gave a program update and noted staffing changes. They hope to be able to do a direct hire in mid summer. She is looking for board member participation on a national level civil rights review to come. She reviewed current civil rights information and obtained board member signatures on the Affirmation of Civil Rights Review. She also discussed the desire to look for ways to reach additional underserved individuals in our area.
- B. Commissioner Ennen was unable to attend due to a commissioner's meeting.
- C. Additions to written staff reports
  - a. Solemsaas gave out a sheet of talking points related to the SWCD Aid proposal in the legislature. This funding would replace Local Capacity funding and other state grants and would be evenly distributed among the state's SWCDs. He and Supervisor Lonergan will be meeting with legislators Backer, Westrom and Anderson over the next two days while attending the MASWCD Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol. He also talked about a potential contribution agreement with NRCS for the completion of about 50 CRP plans. He has been looking into leasing Fendt tractors from a dealer in Fergus Falls. He attended a meeting with the county about the Pictometry GIS layer. They will have the county flown again for new images. He handed out laminated informational booklets about several recent projects within the county.

IV. Fynboh moved to approve the minutes from the February Regular Meeting. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

V. Financial Matters

- A. 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 Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.

1. Valnes Rentals	March Rent	2187.00
2. Debbie Anderson	Supervisor Pay	134.49
3. Dennis Feuchtenberger	Supervisor Pay	230.87
4. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	130.07
5. Troy Goodnough	Supervisor Pay	116.93
6. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	127.47
7. D's Needles	AIS promotional materials	525.00
8. Nycklemoe & Ellig	RIM reimbursable expenses	787.50
9. Willie's Super Valu	Meeting expenses	10.18
10. ESRI	Annual subscription	1515.00
11. Morris Cooperative	Tires	1189.40
12. Metro Sales	Copier Lease	137.17

VI. There was no Old Business

VII. New Business

- A. We will be hosting the Area 2 meeting on March 15 at Old No. 1 in Morris. Matt will give the welcome and all staff and supervisors are encouraged to attend. Goodnough will give one of the informational presentations and he gave a short summary of his topic.
- B. The Spring Expo will be March 18-19 and supervisors can help represent the SWCD at our booth if they would like.

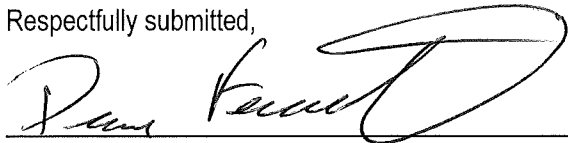
- C. The Chippewa Watershed Public Meeting will be April 5 at the Minnewaska House. Deadline to register is March 28. Please encourage landowners in the watershed and others interested to attend and learn more about the 1W1P in that watershed.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. Staebler reminded the board that the filing period for SWCD Supervisors is open from 5/17/22 to 5/31/22. Districts 2 (Fynboh) and 3 (Anderson) are open for election.
- B. MAWSCD Legislative Day will be held March 9 & 10. Solemsaas and Lonergan will attend.
- C. Goodnough informed the board about an online meeting about resiliency in the community to be held March 25. It will be held from 8:45-12:00 and there is a limit on the number of participants but anyone interested can contact him for the link to attend. He also talked about a global panel on climate change that will discuss ways to adapt.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Feuchtenberger, Secretary

4.12.2022

Date