

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

- I. Chair Anderson called the regular meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Melissa McCann, NRCS; Chuck Rau, WC MASWCD Area 2 (via Zoom).
- II. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. WC MASWCD Area 2 Director Chuck Rau talked to the board about the responsibilities and opportunities available to the Area 2 Director. He will be stepping into the roll of MASWCD President and as such, the Area 2 board will need to elect a new Director. He has been talking to each of the member SWCDs to gauge interest from board members.
- B. Melissa McCann, NRCS, gave a program update. Some EQIP projects are still getting approved for funding. She is preparing to work on CSP payments and contract renewals. She has been working on CRP renewals. The SWCD completed 50 of these for her through a contribution agreement between NRCS/SWCD.
- C. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas reported that two staff attended the Chippewa watershed tour that was held recently. John worked on completing 50 CRP renewals as part of a contribution agreement with NRCS. They are working on general signups now. He has been taking photos of the large WASCOB and waterway projects that have been under construction this summer and will present some of these at the next meeting for the board to take a look at. BWSR Information Officer was here to take a tour of one of these large projects and create some outreach materials from that. He is meeting with the commissioners next week to present his budget proposal. Adam Erickson has taken a new position and his last day will be Thursday, August 11. Matt is looking into promoting John Lembcke to District Technician and hiring an Assistant Technician. The board will finalize this as the next meeting. He spoke to the landowner of the rain garden project that was discussed at the last meeting and he now plans to leave the project in place until the expiration of the contract to stay in compliance with contract language. Brady will be working through this week and then plans to return to college.
- b. Johnston reported on recent youth and adult education presentations she has organized. She attended an outdoor educator training at Prairie Wetlands Learning Center and was pleased with the content. It was a good learning opportunity. John is going to take over for Adam at Conservation Day this year. She gave the board a list of the outstanding conservationist nominees. Lonergan moved to nominate Darrick Henrichs as the 2022 Outstanding Conservationist. Second by Dennis Feuchtenberger, the motion passed unanimously. Judy will also submit the application for consideration at the state level. She reviewed the fair booth schedule and reminded everyone of the time slots they signed up for.
- IV. Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the July Regular Meeting. Second by Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Lonergan moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- B. Fynboh moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Valves Rentals | August Rent | 2537.00 |
| 2. Debbie Anderson | Supervisor Pay | 135.69 |
| 3. Dennis Feuchtenberger | Supervisor Pay | 115.44 |
| 4. Greg Fynboh | Supervisor Pay | 131.07 |
| 5. Dave Lonergan | Supervisor Pay | 128.19 |
| 6. Morris Bearing | Parts | 5.14 |
| 7. Douglas SWCD | Tree stock | 9.96 |
| 8. Town & Country | Supplies | 112.97 |
| 9. Metro Sales | Copier Lease | 131.24 |
| 10. Federated Telephone | Internet | 69.95 |

11. CenterPoint Energy	Natural gas	23.30
12. Mobiz Computers	Half down computer order	1598.00
13. Ranger Randee	Half year SWELL Coordination	2500.00
14. Innovo-MN PIEP	Health insurance	459.60
15. Otter Tail Power	Electric bill, shed	67.72
16. NAPA	Parts	115.76
17. Stevens County Highway	Fuel	1492.05
18. Bremer Card Services		445.07
a. AIS education		112.66
b. Rain garden supplies		3.60
c. Office Maintenance		217.88
d. TSA Expenses		110.93

VI. There was no old business.

VII. New Business

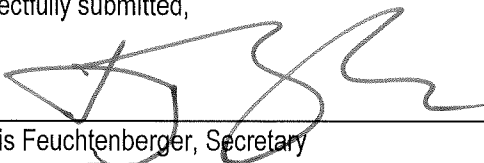
- A. Fynboh moved to approve the FY2023 Contract for Technical & Engineering Services with WCTSA2. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- B. Cost Share
 - a. Loneragan moved to approve the allocation of \$10203 to contract 75-4-21-WBIF for up to 75% cost share on a shoreline restoration (J Felton). Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Fynboh moved to amend contract 75-3-19-319 to add an additional \$2619.82 to allow for additional project costs, bringing total cost share to the maximum 75%. Second by Loneragan. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Fynboh moved to approve the following final payments. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
 - 1 \$79,828.54 to contract 75-3-19-319 for 75% total cost share in conjunction with CRP (LAPA waterway)
 - 2 \$27149.72 to contract 75-2-19-319 for 75% total cost share in conjunction with CRP (Strick waterway)

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. Feuchtenberger attended a ditch meeting recently. There isn't currently funding available to help with this, but there might be in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Feuchtenberger, Secretary

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Date