

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 14, 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, Fynboh, Goodnough, Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Linow, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner; Melissa McCann, NRCS; Micayla Lakey, PDTRA.
- II. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. Melissa McCann, NRCS, gave a program update. She talked about the contribution agreement we are entering into with NRCS to complete 50 CRP contracts. There are about 15 done as of now.
- B. Micayla Lakey, Pomme de Terre River Association Watershed Coordinator, gave an update on the work of this group. She presented a handout and shared a financial summary of funding used in recent years. She will send the board a pdf of the soil health case studies that the committee is working on. The board asked her to share more project information and examples in the future. Not doing this somewhat related to privacy guidelines.
- C. Commissioner Ennen reported on the final ditch hearings that are pending and progress on these projects. She discussed issues the county is having with recent FEMA flood plan updates. She also talked about the Silver/Shower Lake project on the Grant County border that the Stevens County Highway department is working on. There is some disagreement between the two counties as to what should be done to correct a public safety issue on the road there.
- D. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas reported on the SWCD legislative progress and pending SWCD aid bill. They are hopeful there will be a special session to finish the issues that have not been voted on. There will be a tour of the Chippewa River Watershed on July 15 as a kickoff to their 1W1P planning process. He will send the registration link to supervisors. He is working on the CREP grant work plan. He also reported the theft of the diesel particulate filter from the 1-ton Dodge pickup. The part was recovered and re-installed and a security light and camera were installed as well.
- b. Johnston will have some educational activities for kids during crazy days this year. She also discussed upcoming info booths and events coming up. Hort Night, Stevens County Fair, AIS Family Fun Night, etc. She also showed the board the poster contest winners for this year.
- IV. Fynboh moved to approve the minutes from the April 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 Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Valnes Rentals | June Rent | 2537.00 |
| 2. Debbie Anderson | Supervisor Pay | 134.39 |
| 3. Greg Fynboh | Supervisor Pay | 260.13 |
| 4. Troy Goodnough | Supervisor Pay | 116.94 |
| 5. Dave Lonergan | Supervisor Pay | 254.94 |
| 6. Judy Johnston | Education mileage & supplies | 45.17 |
| 7. Bankord's Electric | Security light, shop | 470.00 |
| 8. MN PIEP | Health insurance | 459.60 |
| 9. Ottertail Power | Electric | 75.67 |
| 10. NAPA | Parts | 169.99 |
| 11. Morris Cooperative | Diesel | 110.02 |
| 12. Stevens County Highway | fuel, lath for TSA | 697.60 |
| 13. Schumacher's Nursery | Tree stock | 9096.69 |
| 14. Valu Ford | Truck repair | 2123.81 |
| 15. Wolcyn Tree Farm | Tree stock | 387.50 |

16. Town & Country	Supplies	60.42
17. Seales Advisory	Quarterly tax filings	144.00
18. Millborn Seeds	Seed inventory	17053.09
19. Metro Sales	Copier Lease	365.87
20. Pope SWCD	Water Fest Sponsorship	700.00
21. Bremer Card Services		2048.77
a. Office Maintenance (Microsoft Annual subs, postage)		1129.06
b. Employee expenses		350.31
c. Office Supplies		356.43
d. TSA Expenses		212.97

VI. There was no old business.

VII. New Business

- A. Loneragan moved to approve the extension/amendment of the cover crop cost share contract with the BDSWD until 12-31-2022. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- B. Solemsaas and the board discussed the recent vandalism/theft of a part from the Dodge 1-ton pick-up. And insurance claim was filed, the part was recovered and re-installed, and a security light and security camera were also installed.
- C. Goodnough moved to approve the addition of June 19 to the SWCD holiday schedule. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- D. Loneragan moved to approve the cost of registration and attendance at the MASWCD Leadership Institute. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- E. Goodnough moved to approve the 2023 CREP grant agreement for 1 FTA of \$45,378. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- F. Cost Share
 - a. Goodnough moved to approve the allocation of \$1767 to contract 75-04-19-319 for up to 75% of the cost of the installation of a rain garden. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Loneragan moved to approve the allocation of \$31,177 (\$23,873.85 2019 PDT CWF & \$7303.15 FY21 WBIF) to contract 75-02-21-WBIF for up to 75% total cost share on the installation of a WASCOB complex. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Loneragan moved to approve the allocation of \$86,989 to contract 75-03-21-WBIF for up to 75% total cost share for the installation of a sediment dam complex. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- G. There were no proposed resolutions drafted for approval.
- H. The board discussed a landowner request to remove a rain garden which was installed under a cost share contract several years ago. Goodnough moved to uphold the language of the cost share contract as it was written, requiring the project to remain in place for a minimum of 10 years. Second by Fynboh. Motion passed with one abstaining.

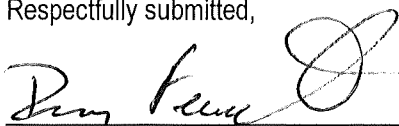
VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. The Area 2 meeting will be held June 16 in Alexandria. Lonergan will attend in addition to several staff members.
- B. Staebler noted that the IRS mileage rate is increasing to 62.5 cents a mile as of 7-1-22.

The Local Work Group met following regular business. Melissa McCann, NRCS, facilitated a discussion of what stakeholders wanted to see in terms of funding and geographic priorities for projects over the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Feuchtenberger, Secretary

11-8-22

Date