

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 11, 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: Johnston, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Melissa McCann, NRCS (report only); Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County Commissioner.
- II. Supervisor Fynboh moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. Melissa McCann, NRCS, gave an update. She noted that she will be taking a new detail and that Aria Schuett will be acting District Conesevationist for the time being.
- B. Commissioner Ennen updated the group on the Silver/Shower Lakes project. Grant County is requiring a Conditional Use Permit and there will be a hearing regarding that next week. She mentioned that if Stevens County meets the requirements, the permit will have to be approved. She also mentioned that the work on Ditch 16 is approved. Six deputies were hired and the day care pod project is slated for construction this fall/winter.
- C. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas showed a video made by BWSR of a WASCOD project in Stevens County that was completed using federal and watershed funding. There will also be an article in the paper and the video is available on YouTube. There is a new wetland specialist for WCA. The county approved a resolution extended the water plan until 12-31-24, which is required by BWSR so there is a plan in place until all 1W1P within the county can be adopted. He will be working on developing a work plan for a soil health grant that will allow for the planting of trees so we can fund some of the projects that will be needed due to the storms this spring.
- b. Johnston noted she is winding up fall outdoor educational events. All the schools in Pope and Stevens County attended Conservation Day, which meant we had about 350 students in attendance. The newsletter will be going out in the next two weeks. She will be attending BWSR Academy at the end of the month.
- IV. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the September Regular Meeting. Second by Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Feuchtenberger moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- B. Fynboh moved to approve the 2021 Audited Financial Statements. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- C. Fynboh moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Valnes Rentals | October Rent | 2537.00 |
| 2. Debbie Anderson | Supervisor Pay | 135.68 |
| 3. Greg Fynboh | Supervisor Pay | 131.07 |
| 4. Dennis Feuchtenberger | Supervisor Pay | 230.88 |
| 5. Troy Goodnough | Supervisor Pay | 116.94 |
| 6. Dave Lonergan | Supervisor Pay | 256.38 |
| 7. Morris Cooperative | Tire & fuel | 159.10 |
| 8. Willie's | Meeting expenses | 50.02 |
| 9. Town & Country | Supplies | 21.99 |
| 10. Midwest Machinery | Tire repair | 1241.92 |
| 11. Osprey Wilds | Conservation Day presentation | 890.75 |
| 12. University of MN | Conservation Day presentation | 1423.63 |
| 13. Millborn Seeds | Seed inventory | 922.20 |
| 14. Morning Sky Greenery | Rain garden plant stock | 635.55 |
| 15. BWSR | BWSR Academy registrations | 660.00 |
| 16. American | AIS promo materials | 238.79 |
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VI. Old Business

- A. Solemsaas reported that three applications for Assistant Technician were received. The board would like to keep the position open until suitable applications are received. We will advertise locally and also boost the Facebook post.

VII. New Business

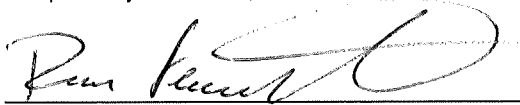
- A. The board discussed future coordination and funding for the state Envirothon. The co-coordinator is resigning. MASWCD has noted that they will not host the Auction for Education this year. Johnston sent a letter to the MASWCD Executive Committee and others about the need for future funding. The board would like Johnston to continue with coordination efforts at this time
- B. The board conducted MASWCD Resolution Voting.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. The Area 2 meeting was held September 20. Lonergan and Staebler were the only Stevens SWCD representatives present.
- B. The MASWCD Convention will be held December 12-14. Please let Chris know if you plan to attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Feuchtenberger, Secretary

11-8-22

Date