

**Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m. SWCD Office**

- I. Chair Fynboh called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Goodnough. Staff present: Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: none.
- II. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, submitted a written report. She was out of the office at training today.
- B. Commissioner Ennen was unable to attend.
- C. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas reported that the SWCD Aid bill is still making its way through the House & Senate. The Soil Health Team had a meeting March 16 which was well attended. He submitted a cover crop equipment grant application through MDA for \$30,000, or half the cost of the purchase of a cover crop seeder. Lembcke should be cleared to work without restrictions as of next week.
- b. Johnston reported that the founders of SWELL have started the process of becoming a registered non-profit.
- IV. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the February 2023 Regular Meeting as corrected. Second by Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Feuchtenberger moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- B. Goodnough moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Valnes Rentals                                      | April Rent         | 2537.00 |
| 2. Debra Anderson                                      | Supervisor Pay     | 296.76  |
| 3. Greg Fynboh   | Supervisor Pay     | 131.81  |
| 4. Dennis Feuchtenberger                               | Supervisor Pay     | 115.44  |
| 5. Troy Goodnough                                      | Supervisor Pay     | 233.87  |
| 6. John Lembcke  | CDL physical       | 150.00  |
| 7. Stevens County Times                                | Annual Review      | 310.00  |
| 8. Farm & Home Publishers                              | Plat book shipping | 52.50   |
| 9. Otter Tail Power                                    | Electric bill      | 35.07   |
| 10. Bremer Card Services                               |                    | 3326.62 |
| a. Office Maintenance (wifi, Adobe, ESRI, web hosting) |                    | 1851.45 |
| b. Legislative Day expenses                            |                    | 979.19  |
| c. Manager's Meeting hosting expenses                  |                    | 51.45   |
| d. TSA reimbursable expenses                           |                    | 353.07  |
| e. Area 2 Envirothon expenses                          |                    | 59.88   |
| f. Spring Expo supplies                                |                    | 31.58   |
- VI. Old Business
- A. Goodnough moved to offer a permanent full-time Assistant Technician position at the Grade 15 Step 3 (second step on county scale) pay rate of \$20.91 per hour. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously. The personnel committee (Anderson, Fynboh, Solemsaas) interviewed two applicants and the motion followed the recommendation of the committee. If the offer is not accepted by the winning applicant, the board will re-assess.
- VII. New Business
- A. None.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. Feuchtenberger, Fynboh and Solemsaas plan to attend the Barnes-Aastad meeting on April 13.
- B. Fynboh attended the soil health day and noted that attendance was very good despite bad weather.
- C. Anderson attended the Bois de Sioux 1W1P meeting and noted that there is potential for new CRP incentives. Traverse SWCD is also hosting a series of soil health meetings.
- D. Goodnough talked about several projects his office is working on.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dave Lohergan, Secretary

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