

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
9:30 a.m. SWCD Office

- I. Vice Chair Goodnough called the regular meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Goodnough, Lonergan. Staff present: Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner; Britta Haseman, NRCS (report only).
- II. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported on the work being completed by the NRCS office. She will be working full time out of the Morris office. Cole will be coming from Grant County three times a week to help with duties. She went over program updates and noted that Stevens received a lot of extra funding for EQIP. 19 CSP contracts have been pre-approved. SWCD helped with 21 of 33 CRP renewals, for which the deadline is September 15.
- B. Stevens County Commissioner Jeanne Ennen reported that bonds were sold to fund the work being done on County Ditch 16 and noted several other pending projects and updates.
- C. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas reported on 1W1P progress within the three watersheds in the county. The PDT will likely close out their first WBIF grant at the end of this year, unless there is significant contractor delay in getting projects completed. He is working on a wetland violation right now that involves both the state and swampbuster. The PDTRA watershed coordinator resigned and the TAC and JPB will be considering options over the next 6 months. Jared House is interim coordinator during this time. Matt submitted a preliminary budget to the county and will present the detailed request on the 15th. He's also been hearing a lot of weed complaints and seeing a lot of wild parsnip across the county. He is getting ready to apply again for the soil health equipment grant through the MDA. He mentioned several soil health field days coming up in the area in the near future.
- IV. Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Feuchtenberger moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- B. Feuchtenberger moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Valnes Rentals | August Rent | 2537.00 |
| 2. Debbie Anderson | Supervisor Pay | 136.58 |
| 3. Dennis Feuchtenberger | Supervisor Pay | 115.44 |
| 4. Troy Goodnough | Supervisor Pay | 116.93 |
| 5. Dave Lonergan | Supervisor Pay | 257.46 |
| 6. Morris Cooperative | Tires | 166.58 |
| 7. Morris Lumber | Rain garden catch basin | 211.96 |
| 8. NAPA | Parts | 129.10 |
| 9. Town & Country | Supplies | 199.69 |
| 10. REB Construction | Shed door | 953.00 |
| 11. Lawn & Driveway | Mulch | 204.00 |
| 12. Metro Sales | Copier Lease | 162.81 |
| 13. CenterPoint Energy | Natural gas | 21.38 |
| 14. Midwest Machinery | Parts | 427.38 |

VI. Old Business

- A. Lonnie Anderson accepted the 2023 Outstanding Conservationist award.

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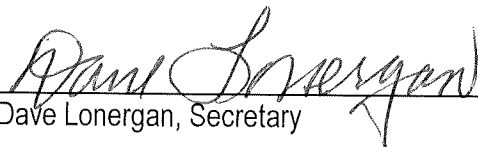
- A. Anderson moved to approve the sale of the 10ft mower. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously. Matt is checking with the implement dealing on a suggested value.
- B. Anderson moved to amend contract 75-03-21-WBIF to use remaining federal 319 grant funding. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously. A partial payment will be requested from the MPCA for this funding.
- C. Lonergan moved to approve the FY2024 contract for observation well monitoring. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- D. Matt will submit another application for MDA grant funding to cover an inter-seeder.
- E. Cost Share
- a. Feuchtenberger moved to amend contract 75-04-19-319 to add \$178 in funding for 75% cost share on a rain garden. Lonergan seconded and all members voting aye, the motion passed.
- b. Anderson moved to authorize a final payment of \$1945 to contract 75-04-19-319 for a rain garden. Second by Feuchtenberger, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

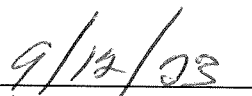
- A. Lonergan mentioned issues with a contractor paying for gravel/rock used on a project that was completed last year. This has now been taken to court.
- B. A sign-up for the fair booth was sent around for supervisors to participate if they would like.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Lonergan, Secretary



Date