

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

- I. Chair Fynboh called the regular meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Fynboh, Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Olivia Mickelson, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. Olivia Mickelson, NRCS, reported on the work being completed by the NRCS office. She is transferring to the Fergus Falls office and will be moving out of our area. Cole from Pope County will be here to assist instead. She gave project and program summaries and mentioned an upcoming field day.
- B. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas reported that the WBIF funding received in the next round will be 150% of the current allocation. There should be another round of funding coming soon from MDA and we can look at applying for that again, to purchase soil health equipment.
- IV. Lonergan moved to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Anderson moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- B. Anderson moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Valnes Rentals            | July Rent                 | 2537.00 |
| 2. Debbie Anderson           | Supervisor Pay            | 136.59  |
| 3. Greg Fynboh               | Supervisor Pay            | 131.82  |
| 4. David Lonergan            | Supervisor Pay            | 128.72  |
| 5. Valnes Rentals            | July Rent                 | 2537.00 |
| 6. Supervisor Pay            |                           |         |
| 7. Millborn Seeds            | Seed inventory            | 48.50   |
| 8. Chokio Review             | AIS Family Fun Night ads  | 70.00   |
| 9. Town & Country            | Supplies                  | 287.54  |
| 10. Morris Cooperative       | Fuel                      | 234.00  |
| 11. Willie's                 | AIS family fun night meal | 64.27   |
| 12. Schmidt Law & Consulting | SWELL incorporation fees  | 90.00   |
- VI. Old Business
- A. The board and staff recapped the recent tour of projects in the northern part of the county and talked about what they would like to see on future tours. The tour gave a good opportunity to see projects and problem areas. It was suggested that it's time for another public tour as well.
- VII. New Business
- A. Anderson moved to nominate Lonnie Anderson as the 2023 Outstanding Conservationist. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously. They suggested adding names for next year from each supervisor area.
- B. The Pomme de Terre River Association Watershed Coordinator resigned effective 7/28/23 and the TAC and JPB are looking at option of having one of the SWCDs act as interim coordinator through 1/31/24. The idea was also brought up to share a coordinator with the Chippewa watershed once their 1W1P has been funded.


- C. Loneragan moved to approve the SWCD Aid Resolution as drafted by the MASWCD. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously. We will be receiving \$158089.20, with half of that expected to arrive on July 20.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. Judy will send out a schedule for the fair booth via email and staff and supervisors can sign up when they're able to work.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dave Lonergan, Secretary

  
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