

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
9:30 a.m. SWCD Office

- I. Supervisor Fynboh called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Fynboh, Feuchtenberger, Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Lembcke, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Pete Waller, BWSR; Britta Haseman, NRCS (report only).
- II. Supervisor Feuchtenberger moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported on the work being completed by the NRCS office. She mentioned that Stevens SWCD helped with about half the CRP re-enrollments that were completed by the September deadline. The 5-county team received about \$14M, which is around double the amount the next team was awarded for EQIP and CSP.
- B. Commissioner Ennen was unable to attend the meeting.
- C. Pete Waller, BWSR Board Conservationist, gave an update on the Conservation Contract Policy and highlighted changes and things the board will need to consider when drafting new policy.
- D. Additions to written staff reports
- a. Solemsaas reported that the PDTRA has now spent over half of the 2021 WBIF and is requesting the next 40% of funding from BWSR. There will be extra funding disbursed through a grant amendment for SWCDs interested in applying. He talked about the budget request he submitted to the county. He attended a meeting regarding the failing dams on Perkins Lake and the Pomme de Terre River at Morris. There will likely be some projects to come of this, and he talked about the possibility of awarding 100% cost share as we have in the past for public projects.
- b. Lembcke and Cardwell attended a training on soil health held at the West Central Research and Outreach Center.
- c. Johnston talked about the fair booth and noted that the Soil Health Tunnel was well received. She will discuss options with the fair board for how to allow more room for it next year. She will be putting together information for a fall newsletter and asked about doing a feature on the board chair (Greg.)
- IV. Feuchtenberger moved to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Feuchtenberger moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- B. Lonergan moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Valnes Rentals | September Rent | 2537.00 |
| 2. Greg Fynboh | Supervisor Pay | 131.81 |
| 3. Dennis Feuchtenberger | Supervisor Pay | 346.31 |
| 4. Dave Lonergan | Supervisor Pay | 620.06 |
| 5. MAWD | Meeting registration | 25.00 |
| 6. Otter Tail Power | Electric | 38.81 |
| 7. Stevens County Highway | Fuel | 1223.82 |
| 8. WC TSA2 | Technical Assistance, Q2 | 10936.32 |
| 9. Osprey Wilds | Conservation Day presentation | 974.29 |
| 10. Town & Country | Supplies | 395.14 |
| 11. Willie's | Meeting expenses | 11.48 |

12. Morris Cooperative	Fuel	26.78
13. Pope & Stevens County Water Fest	700.00	
14. Bremer Card Services		196.29
a. Education/outreach	50.74	
b. Rain garden supplies	120.41	
c. Office Maintenance	15.08	

VI. Old Business

- A. None.

VII. New Business

- A. Feuchtenberger moved to approve the notice of application for CSAH 18. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously. The highway will be resurfaced next year.
- B. Lonergan moved to approve the CRP State Incentive Pilot Program Contract for Services (BdS). Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- C. Cost Share
- a. Feuchtenberger moved to allocate \$18195.32 for 75% cost share to contract 75-9-21-WBIF for 11 WASCObS (T Smith) and \$18562.50 for 75% cost share to contract 75-8-21-WBIF for 53 alternative tile intakes on J Hallman. 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. Fynboh mentioned that he attended the soil health field day/training along with Lembcke and Cardwell and it was very good.
- B. The Area 2 meeting will be held September 19. No supervisors are able to attend.
- C. The board looked at a list of pros and cons related to the Watershed Coordination of the PDTRA.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



 Dave Lonergan, Secretary

10/10/23

 Date