

**Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m. SWCD Office**

- I. Supervisor Fynboh called the regular meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Goodnough, Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Lembcke (mower & charges for services reports only), Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County Commissioner; Britta Haseman, NRCS (report only).
- II. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
  - A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported on the work being completed by the NRCS office. She mentioned they are processing EQIP certifications and payments. There are 35 new applications which need to be ranked by 1-19-24. There was only one CSP re-enrollment. The deadline for CRP applications is 1-12-24. The continuing resolution under which they are currently operating ends Friday and the legislature is voting again today to enact another one.
  - B. Commissioner Ennen reported on the public hearing related to Ditch 1. There were 2 petitions related to a methane injection site with approximately 60 landowners opposed to the project. She summarized some of the logistics involved and points of contention. The permit was recommended for denial by the planning commission. The board will decide what to do in December.
  - C. Additions to written staff reports
    - a. Solemsaas handed out a list of pros and cons related to a shared PDTRA/Chippewa coordinator position. He presented a compilation Jared did of the information and also mentioned his opinions. They TAC committees from PDTRA and Chippewa are meeting in Glenwood to discuss as a whole. The TAC will then make a recommendation to the JPB prior to their next meeting. He has also been working on submitting information about projects which could be funded through an amendment to the 2023 WBIF grant. Things continue to move forward related to the dam removals he's been looking into recently. Goodnough moved to sell one of the two 10-foot grain drills which were previously run together. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger, the motion passed unanimously. The drill can probably be sold for between 12-15,000. This leaves us with a 10-foot and a 14-foot drill for our use as well as another 10-foot which can be rented out. If we do contract a large project, we could connect the two 10-foot drills.
    - b. Johnston met the new MASWCD Conference and Events Manager, who will help with fundraising efforts to be used to fund the Envirothon. MASWCD has proposed a budget line item of \$11,500 for the Envirothon in 2024. They will be selling raffle tickets with 5 big prizes to be awarded Tuesday night.
- IV. Goodnough moved to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
  - A. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
  - B. Anderson moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
    1. Valnes Rentals November Rent 2537.00
    2. Debbie Anderson Supervisor Pay 136.59
    3. Dennis Feuchtenberger Supervisor Pay 346.31
    4. Greg Fynboh Supervisor Pay 131.82
    5. Troy Goodnough Supervisor Pay 116.94
    6. Dave Lonergan Supervisor Pay 128.73

7. Mobiz Computers	Tech support	225.00
8. Otter Tail Power	Electric	33.77
9. Stevens County Highway	Fuel	530.43
10. Peterson Company Ltd	2022 Financial statement audit	3675.00
11. Willie's	Meeting expenses	11.48
12. Morris Cooperative	LP & def	189.55
13. WC TSA2	Q3 2023 Technical Assistance	12179.74
14. Stevens County Times	Advertising & annual subscription	255.00
15. NAPA	Parts	6.78
16. Town & Country	Supplies	219.43
17. Midwest Machinery	Mower clutch repair	509.01
18. Millborn Seeds	Seed inventory	3772.80
19. MN Dept of Ag	Nursery Stock Dealer's license	225.00
20. Metro Sales	Copier Lease	139.73
21. Elan Financial Services		4733.88
a. Office Maintenance	356.87	
b. BWSR Academy Meals	303.86	
c. Mower purchase	3999.99	
d. TSA Expenses	73.16	

VI. There was no Old Business.

VII. New Business

- A. Anderson moved to approve the purchase of new laminate tires (8 plus a spare) for the batwing mower. Second by Feuchtenberger and all members voting aye, the motion passed. Lembcke noted that we needed to replace a tire recently and that others are starting to fail. He looked at options and presented those to the board.
- B. Anderson moved to approve the CRP Pilot Program Contract for Services with the PDTRA. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- C. Goodnough moved to approve the 2024 Charges for Services as presented. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.

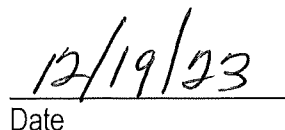
VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. Supervisors discussed attendance at the MASWCD annual convention.
- B. Supervisors also discussed a holiday get together which will take place in January. Judy will put together the details and let everyone know.
- C. Goodnough presented a session on climate change to the AURI roundtable via the internet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Dave Lonergan, Secretary

  
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