

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 8, 2024
9:30 a.m. SWCD Office

- I. Chair Goodnough called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Goodnough, Lonergan (10:00 a.m.). Staff present: Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Britta Haseman, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Fynboh moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
 - A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, said the deadline for completion of CSP application ranking is Thursday. She hasn't heard yet if Stevens County/Area 5 got the additional/unused EQIP funding requested. There are 5 more general CRP contracts we can probably assist with.
 - B. Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner, was unable to attend.
 - C. Additions to staff reports
 - a. Solemsaas said we have not heard whether we received the Climate Smart grant he applied for. We did receive the pilot soil health grant for \$375 over 3 years. This covers staff time and there will also be cost share available to interested landowners. The Soil Health staffing grant, \$500,000 was also awarded. He is waiting for details on how to submit the work plan. The watershed coordinator position opening has been posted and will close on April 26. He's already had a few applicants. There was a kick-off meeting for the Perkins Lake dam removal project. The DNR is ready to survey and Houston Engineering is doing the engineering for the project.
- IV. Fynboh moved to approve the minutes from the past meeting. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
 - A. Fynboh moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
 - B. Feuchtenberger moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.

1.	Valnes Rentals	April Rent	2537.00
2.	Debbie Anderson	Supervisor Pay	137.03
3.	Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	132.19
4.	Dennis Feuchtenberger	Supervisor Pay	122.14
5.	Troy Goodnough	Supervisor Pay	116.93
6.	Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	129.00
7.	Brady Cardwell	AIS event prizes	173.43
8.	Stevens County Times	Annual Review	330.75
9.	ESRI	Annual maintenance agreement	1667.00
10.	Willie's	Meeting expenses	11.98
11.	Morris Cooperative	LP	164.16
12.	Stevens County Highway	Gas	107.31
13.	Elan Financial Services		1133.39
	a.	Legislative Day	677.75
	b.	Office Maintenance	400.06
	c.	TSA Expenses	55.58
- VI. There was no Old Business. Policy committee will meet to discuss changes at a later date.

VIII. New Business

- A. Staff are working on application materials for a CCWL grant agreement which will replace the Farm Bill and/or CREP grants of the past. There is \$30,000 available for staff time.
- B. Matt is looking at state bid options for the purchase of a UTV (\$16,000-\$18,000 range) using funding in part from the soil health grant and from the recent sale of a no-till drill. He's also looking at purchasing a small welder so we are able to do some of our own repairs.

IX. Supervisor Reports

- A. Fynboh attended part of the soil health meeting held recently. The fertilizer manager from the cooperative called to discuss soil health with him and learn more about it. Fynboh, and Goodnough attended the annual Barnes Aastad meeting. Their summer tour held June 6 at Fynboh's farm. The Soils Lab in general has been hiring again and is growing back from past years.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and the Local Work Group session convened. Session adjourned at 11:45. Britta Haseman, NRCS, and John Lembcke, District Technician, joined the meeting. The group looked at the work completed in 2023 and discussed the ranking and application processes for the IRA and General cropland allocations. The groups talked about what changes may be able to be made on a local/area level, and how we can fund the applications coming in.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Anderson, Secretary

5-14-24

Date