

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
9:30 a.m. SWCD Office

- I. Secretary Anderson called the regular meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Fynboh, Lonergan. Staff present: Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Britta Haseman, NRCS; Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner.
- II. Supervisor Fynboh moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
 - A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported that 3 more EQIP applications were funded. NRCS does not plan to do any of the work related to soil health practices we will be promoting, other than potentially helping with JAA, spot checks, and landowner eligibility.
 - B. Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner, said the final hearing for County Ditch 16 was held. The county is having some zoning work sessions related to wind and solar power and flood plain.
 - C. Additions to staff reports
 - a. Solemsaas said the Bois de Sioux and Pomme de Terre watersheds are currently working on applications for the 3rd round of WBIF funding. He's been working with a WCA wetland banking project which is progressing as well as keeping tabs on a Stevens County violation that is being addressed by BWSR. We have received two of the grants applied for and he is working on submitting work plans for those. We will have several years of funding available for soil health and climate smart practices and staff time.
 - b. Johnston and Goodnough are at a youth summit at UMM today.
 - c. Lembcke and Cardwell are planting trees.

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 Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- B. Lonergan moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

1. Valves Rentals	May Rent	2537.00
2. Debbie Anderson	Supervisor Pay	411.12
3. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	396.56
4. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	257.99
5. Otter Tail Power	Electric Service	45.16
6. Big Sioux Nursery	Trees	2150.14
7. Stevens County Highway	Gas	101.74
8. Lawn & Driveway	4 boxes staples	180.00
9. Custom Fabrication	DOT certifications	351.75
10. Willie's	Meeting expenses	11.48
11. Morris Fire Control	Extinguisher service	74.25
12. Town & Country	Supplies	185.53
13. Stevens County Times	Chippewa Public Hearing Notice	382.80
14. Schumacher's	Trees	14271.25
15. Federated Telephone	Internet	69.95
16. Riverwood Bank	Safe Deposit Box annual rent	15.00
17. Metro Sales	Copier Lease	198.96
18. CenterPoint	Natural Gas	58.62
19. MCIT	Leased Tractor coverage	327.00
20. Elan Financial Services		682.93

a. Office Maintenance	261.65
b. Employment ad	230.00
c. Solemsaas admin expenses	23.35
d. Cardwell applicator testing	76.68
21. Parts	37.26
22. Office supplies	53.99

VI. There was no Old Business.

VII. New Business


- A. Fynboh moved to approve the purchase of a Hiniker inter-seeder, using \$30,000 in soil health equipment grant funding for a total purchase price of \$64,345. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously. The drill will be rented to farmers free of charge or used by the SWCD to plant for interested landowners.
- B. Fynboh moved to approve the following cost share contract allocations. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
 - a. \$365 to contract 12-24-CC for 50% maximum cost share on Buro tree planting
 - b. \$1192 to contract 11-24-CC for 50% maximum cost share on Knobloch tree planting
 - c. \$2749.5 to contract 9-24-CC for 50% maximum cost share on Carlson tree planting
- C. The Area 2 meeting will be held at the Minnewaska House on June 12. Please let Chris know by the end of the month if you would like to go.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

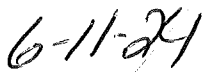
- A. There will be an ARS Field Day at Fynboh Farms on June 6.
- B. Fynboh also shared flyers from other SWCDs that featured things related to soil health we may want to develop for ourselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



 Debbie Anderson, Secretary



 Date