

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 10, 2024
9:30 a.m. SWCD Office

- I. Chair Goodnough called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Fynboh, Goodnough, Lonergan. Staff present: Johnston, Maruska, Norby, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Britta Haseman, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
 - A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported that we were awarded funding for 2 more CSP contracts, for a total of 5 this round. Seeding deadline was extended to July 15.
 - B. Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner, was unable to attend the meeting.
 - C. Additions to staff reports
 - a. New staff members Sophia Maruska and Austin Norby were introduced.
 - b. Solemsaas Reported that he has submitted a funding request for the 2025 round of Chippewa River Watershed WBIF funding. He and Austin attended an RCPP meeting at CVEC on the 9th. The Climate Smart grant funding is now available and all staff will be using this funding for various activities. Once the contract templates are ready, we'll be able to promote projects which will use this funding, which will be administered through Virginia Tech. We were awarded another arsenic grant through MDH which will provide funding for \$100,000 of filtration systems as needed. He will meet on Friday with Traverse, Grant and Pope Public Health and the MDH.
 - c. Johnston has finished work on the 2024 State Envirothon. She will be meeting with some staff on July 23 via Zoom regarding future planning. Forestry will be the 2025 current issue. The AIS Family Fun Night went well and there were lots of younger kids in attendance. Hort Night and Crazy Days are events coming up in the near future. She passed around a sign up sheet for those who would like to work at the SWCD fair booth. We will again have the soil health tunnel as part of our booth. the MASWCD is reorganizing the coordination of the State Envirothon and they opened up an application period for 2 positions: Coordinator and Fundraising. When she last talked to MASWCD, they had not received any applications. She and Brady taught in-school sessions about the poster contest topic and she showed the board the county poster contest winners. The Area 2 contest is June 12.
- 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. Valnes Rentals	July Rent	2537.00
2. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	396.57
3. Troy Goodnough	Supervisor Pay	116.93
4. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	258.00
5. Brady Cardwell	AIS fun night prizes	208.44
6. Morris Cooperative	Tire repair and fuel	357.97
7. Willie's	AIS fun night food & meeting expenses	222.04
8. Town & Country	Supplies	85.66
9. Westmor	Trailer repair materials	40.43
10. Chokio Review	AIS Fun Night ad	37.50
11. Stevens County Fair	Fair booth rental	240.00
12. Stevens County Highway	Fuel	234.08
13. Elan Financial		2882.80

a. Office Maintenance	1103.63
b. State Envirothon	91.56
c. Employee expenses (Staebler training)	166.59
d. Field Equipment Expenses	1468.66
e. Education expenses	52.36

VI. There was no Old Business.

VII. New Business

- A. Fynboh moved to approve the allocation of \$2235, up to 75% cost share on contract 4-22-SCS.
- B. Fynboh moved to approve the FY25 DNR Observation Wells contract. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.
- C. Lonergan moved to approve the FY25 Contract for Services with the WCTSA2. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- D. Lonergan nominated Twelve Tails, LLC as the 2024 Outstanding Conservationist. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- E. Rande Hokanson retired from her position as SWELL Coordinator. There was a small celebration at the school in her honor. The SWCD will present her with a gift of appreciation and it was suggested to name a trail or something at SWELL after her.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- A. Fynboh noted that he will start combining camelina this week. It will be taken to Fargo and used to make various oils.
- B. The Soil Health Field day hosted by Traverse SWCD is tomorrow on the Yonke farm north of Johnson. We will post something on social media afterward, sharing some of the information learned.
- C. Fynboh noted that the Area 2 meeting was informative and there was a presentation on the extensive buckthorn removal project at Barsness Park in Glenwood.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



 Debbie Anderson, Secretary

8-13-24

 Date