

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 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: Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Goodnough. Staff present: Norby, Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Britta Haseman, NRCS; Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County Commissioner.
- II. Supervisor Fynboh moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
 - A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported that they are working on CSP renewals at this time. They are also going through the new EQIP applications received. There is an opening for a soil conservation technician position.
 - B. Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner, discussed public hearings and discussions about upcoming wind and solar ordinances. They have also been dealing with a lot on county ditch systems. The county is also considering building additional day care pods as there are six providers interested. They are also looking at housing options in town. They will approve a preliminary budget next week.
 - C. Additions to staff reports
 - a. Solemsaas mentioned that we received a climate smart grant. There have been changes to the program as they go, which is creating some frustration, but we are working through things. Promotion so far has mostly been through word of mouth until things are a little more organized. He also met with the county commissioners to present the 2025 budget request.
- IV. Feuchtenberger moved to approve the minutes from the August regular meeting and the August 23 special meeting. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
 - A. Fynboh moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
 - B. The board reviewed the Q2 Financial Statements.
 - C. Feuchtenberger moved to approve the 2025 Budget which was presented to the county commissioners in August. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
 - D. Fynboh moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

1. Valnes Rentals	September Rent	2537.00
2. Dennis Feuchtenberger	Supervisor Pay	230.87
3. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	132.19
4. Troy Goodnough	Supervisor Pay	233.88
5. Stevens County Times	Soil Health Field Day ad	189.00
6. CenterPoint Energy	Natural gas	23.62
7. Met Lounge	Soil Health Field Day meal	717.40
8. Willie's	Meeting & field day expenses	51.51
9. Stevens County Highway	Fuel	627.63
10. Morris Cooperative	Fuel	82.93
11. Town & Country	Supplies	30.99
12. Midwest Machinery	Repair	608.58
- VI. There was no Old Business.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Cost Share

1. Feuchtenberger moved to amend Contract 9-24-CC to expire 10/31/2025. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
2. Allocations were tabled until the next meeting in the absence of a quorum for approval.
- B. Fynboh moved approval of the two following Contracts for Services. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
 1. 2025 Bois de Sioux CRP Incentive Program grant
 2. 2025 Pomme de Terre River Association CRP Incentive Program grant

VIII. Supervisor Reports


- A. The Area 2 meeting will be held October 3 at the Sioux Historic Pavilion in Ortonville.
- B. Anderson attended the Chippewa Watershed Project meeting in place of Feuchtenberger.
- C. There was a soil health equipment field day held at the Fynboh farm recently. About 40 people attended.
- D. There will be a Field Day in Grant County on September 18, with Fynboh on the speaker panel. The first landowner will be using the interseeder soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Anderson, Secretary



Date