

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 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. Staff present: Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Britta Haseman, NRCS (report only).

- II. Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.

- III. Reports
 - A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported that they are in the process of finalizing employment for the candidate who accepted the Coil Conservationist position. There were lots of late/deadline submissions related to EQIP and CSP contracts so they are still working on certifications, modifications and payments.
 - B. Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner, was not able to attend the meeting.
 - C. Additions to staff reports
 - a. Solemsaas noted that he will take part in a WCA TEP meeting this week. The board discussed an issue the DNR has with a WASCOB project recently completed. It was not known at the time of construction, but there are public waters on the private land the project was constructed on. The DNR believes the project is potentially impacting a wetland adjacent. Matt noted that WCA has no concerns. There is some disagreement with the DNR as to the impacts and required permits/permissions. Supervisor Fynboh moved to amend the cost share contract #75-1-23-WBIF to extend the completion date to 12/31/25 in order to accommodate any changes the DNR may require. Second by Supervisor Lonergan. Passed unanimously. Solemsaas also noted that we are eligible for livestock operator grants through the Climate Smart program. The PDTRA received the scope of work for the dam modification project on the Perkins dam. There will be a public meeting sometime this winter to receive input on the project. Fall seeding is done.
 - b. Staebler will present the Q3 financial reports and the 2023 audit draft at the December meeting. She learned at BWSR Academy that it's possible to get BWSR PRAP funding to have our policy books revised by an outside firm. It's advisable to use a legal firm or outside source to ensure accuracy and completeness of the reports. She will look into this process and potential contractors who could complete this process.

- IV. Fynboh moved to approve the minutes from the October regular meeting. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously. Lonergan moved to approve the minutes as amended from the October 24 special meeting. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

- V. Financial Matters
 - A. Fynboh moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Anderson. 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	274.07
3. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	264.37
4. Dennis Feuchtenberger	Supervisor Pay	115.44
5. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	257.99
6. Austin Norby	Employee expenses, Pipestone trng	151.34
7. Willie's	Meeting expenses	15.47
8. Town & Country	Rain garden fittings	139.95
9. Morris Cooperative	Tires & fuel	213.88

10. Millborn Seeds	Seed inventory	5765.66
11. Stevens County Times	Fire Prevention ads	220.00
12. Stevens County Highway	Fuel	403.60

VI. There was no Old Business.

VII. New Business

- A. Feuchtenberger moved to approve the wetland delineation application from DENCO II. Second by Anderson. Solemsaas noted that there were no comments received during the comment period.
- B. Loneragan moved to approve the allocation of \$150 for use in purchasing prizes for the MASWCD Raffle for Education. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Supervisor Reports


- A. The MASWCD Annual Convention will be held December 2-4, 2024. Fynboh will attend. The outstanding conservationists will be there to receive their award.
- B. The December meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 9:30 in the SWCD office.
- C. The Green Ammonia Summit will be held December 10. Fynboh and Goodnough will be attending.
- D. Goodnough will be in Germany during the scheduled time for the January 2025 meeting.
- E. Supervisors Lonergan, Feuchtenberger and Goodnough were re-elected to their board positions and will be sworn in at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Anderson, Secretary



Date