

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 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. Staff present: Norby (report only), Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Britta Haseman, NRCS (report only); Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County Commissioner.
- II. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
- A. Britta Haseman, NRCS, reported that they are working on CSP and EQIP certifications. They are doing assessments for CRP as well. There is potential for the direct hire of a soil conservation technician.
- B. Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner, noted that the renewable energy ordinance was approved and will be final after 20 days. They are working on other ordinances. The levy passed. They are looking for funding for rural ambulance readiness.
- C. Additions to staff reports
- a. Solemsaas mentioned that current funding for structures is used up but there will be several projects funded in the next round. He is waiting for notice from the state regarding a WCA violation. Many of the applicants were accepted into the Climate Smart program. He is waiting for an updated budget. The dam modification projects have either started or are almost ready to go.
- b. Norby reported that the interseeder is in use. One landowner helped troubleshoot a few issues and there were some parts needed and unavailable. Once a few logistics are ironed out, things should work well.
- IV. Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the September regular and special meetings. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
- A. Fynboh moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
- B. Fynboh moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
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| 1. Valnes Rentals | October Rent | 2537.00 |
| 2. Debbie Anderson | Supervisor Pay | 391.02 |
| 3. Greg Fynboh | Supervisor Pay | 264.38 |
| 4. Dennis Feuchtenberger | Supervisor Pay | 386.51 |
| 5. Troy Goodnough | Supervisor Pay | 116.93 |
| 6. David Lonergan | Supervisor Pay | 515.99 |
| 7. Town & Country | Supplies | 405.93 |
| 8. Prairie Woods ELC | Conservation Day presentation | 850.00 |
| 9. BBE Schools | Conservation Day bus stipend | 114.00 |
| 10. Hancock Public School | Conservation Day bus stipend | 75.00 |
| 11. Morris Area Schools | Conservation Day bus stipend | 150.00 |
| 12. Stevens County Times | Hunting & Fishing edition ad | 200.00 |
| 13. CenterPoint Energy | Natural gas | 23.62 |
| 14. Keast Enterprises | Interseeder motor | 350.00 |
| 15. Morris Lumber | Rain garden catch basins | 264.95 |
| 16. HPS Rentals | Conservation Day Portapots | 230.00 |
| 17. Stevens County Highway | Fuel | 814.09 |
| 18. Morris Cooperative | Fuel | 189.26 |

19. Midwest Machinery	Mower blades	401.36
20. Bankord's Electric	Rain garden trenching	120.00
21. Willie's	Meeting & Conservation Day expenses	61.04
22. Elan Financial (credit card)		7490.29
a. Office maintenance		125.08
b. Conservation Day expenses		270.38
c. Office supplies		12.02
d. Field expenses		86.43
e. BWSR Academy lodging		1679.44
f. USDA Compliance computer purchases (2)		5316.94

VI. There was no Old Business.

VII. New Business

A. Cost Share

1. Project payments
 - a. Loneragan moved to approve a final payment of \$5400 (FY2022 State Cost Share) to contract 5-22-SCS for 9 alternative tile intakes. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
2. Loneragan moved to approve the following cost share allocations. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.
 - a. \$9600 for contract #4-25-SHD E Weber cover crops
 - b. \$5600 for contract #8-25-SHD L Dorweiler strip till
 - c. \$5600 for contract #9-25-SHD A Asmus strip till
 - d. \$5600 for contract #10-25-SHD M Asmus strip till
3. There was discussion on the Soil Health Cost Share rates and a review now that we have funded a few projects. Rates are in line with BWSR and federal rates, with the idea of incentivizing the "trial and error" that will be necessary with this new program.

VIII. Supervisor Reports

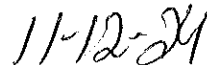
- A. The Area 2 meeting was held October 3 at the Sioux Historic Pavilion in Ortonville. Lee Buchholz is retiring and Arlyn Lawrenz was elected Co-Director. Lonergan, Fynboh and Anderson attended. There were 2 interesting presentations related to the Big Stone NWR.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Anderson, Secretary



Date