

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
August 26, 2021
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd., Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Members present:

Randy Larson, Chairman

Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman

Larry Stephens, Member

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Member Absent:

Jon Nelson, Personnel Director

Other's present: Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, Nicole Sumstad, and Reed Peterson (Grant SWCD)

Secretary's Report: Stephens made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the July 22, 2021, meeting. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Groneberg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with Stephens seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Chippewa River Watershed Project: Once BWSR approves the 1W1P Grant Agreement the JPB and the Technical Advisory Committee approved to move forward with hiring Houston Engineering to act as a facilitator and plan writer

Pomme de Terre River Association: No Meeting. The Soil Health committee is ready for the September 8th, 2021 field day.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed Project: Larson updated that the policy committee meets next week. House updated with the cover crop 3-year contract WBIF granting issue.

TSA: House updated that they will be moving forward with the PRAP study.

Buffer update: House reported that BDS met with the landowners and have now referred one individual back to SWCD. The landowner is interested in alternative practice options.

Discussion about the negative slope and the exact definition: Motion was made by Groneberg and seconded by Stephens to continue to only work on alternative practices on public ditch systems in areas

where negative slopes are present and to use BWSR's #4A alternative practice guidance for designing practices. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Contracts to Review/approve:

Marie Hoffman Amendment: Groneberg made a motion to accept the extension to June 30th, 2022, on the amendment (Contract number 26-02-19-CWF) due to the drought making availability of native plants difficult. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Steve Alvstad Cover Crop: Marks made the motion to approve contract # 26-01-19-319. Total of \$7,124.00. (PdT 2019 Federal 319 Grant). Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

RIM Grassland Application: Groneberg made the motion to approve the application for the RIM Grassland Application for Steve Helman, and to waive the Grant SWCD policy of having the applicant attend the board meeting. Stephens seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Stephens. Opposed: Marks. Motion carried.

CRP/CCRP: Gulbrandson reported that 8 of 15 approved for general CRP signup. The deadline has now ended. New sign up for CCRP is continuing. NRCS is doing all the status reviews. And also, the Dale Blume CREP has been approved by BWSR.

NRCS: Gulbrandson updated that there will be no opening of the office until at least January 2022. They are now down to 50% staffing.

Discussion on COVID disclosure for SWCD employees: Marks made a motion that no Grant SWCD employee or supervisor will have to disclose their COVID vaccination status to anyone or any agency. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Nitrate Water testing clinic: Sumstad reminded that the water clinic will be held September 17 and 18, 2021.

Peterson Credit Card: Stephens made a motion to approve Reed Peterson for a credit card with Bank of the West with a limit of \$500.00. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

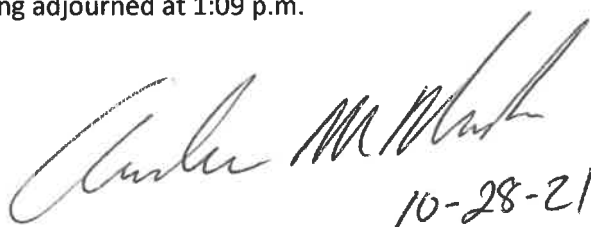
Preliminary Budget: House reported that this is just a quick update of the preliminary budget that we have to present to the county.

Next meeting will be September 23rd, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Discussion: Positive remarks from the SWCD bus tour.

Stephens made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.



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