

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
November 24, 2021
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present:

Randy Larson, Chairman

Paul Groneberg, Vice President

Larry Stephens, Member

Jon Nelson, Personnel

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Others present:

Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, Nicole Sumstad, and Reed Peterson (Grant SWCD).

Secretary's Report: Stephens made motion to approve the Secretary's Report for the October 28th, 2021 Grant SWCD Board Meeting. Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

MASWCD Convention: December 13 – 14, 2021. Sumstad will take care of reservations. Groneberg, Sumstad, and Peterson will be attending.

Soil Management Summit: House will be attending. Larson and Groneberg will be attending virtual.

Area 1 Meeting: Stephens gave recap that the meeting touched on training, workload increase, and increasing membership dues for FY 22. Also reminded us that we are hosts for the spring meeting in March of 2022. Discussions on various topics for spring meeting.

Chippewa River Project: House updated on the kick off meeting with the JPB and TAC that was held in Spicer, MN. Planning is underway with the main focus on finding funding solutions for PTMAPP.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg updated on the annual meeting to be held on November 30, 2021 in Morris, MN. House also reported that there are monies available for the Soil Management Summit for anyone else wanting to attend. House reported the Pelican Lake shore assessment is almost complete and that the soil health videos are waiting for final approval.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed project: House reported that there is money for cover crops and mailers are in the works to get out the information on it. There will be no December meeting.

TSA: Marks updated that Houston Engineering put together a survey and reported on it. 7/16 responded to it. Hot topic was the mission statement of the TSA. House responded stating BWSR requires us to have a TSA for funding. Houston Engineering will be taking the feedback from this meeting and will report back at the next meeting in February.

John Joslin Well Decommissioning: Gulbrandson reported on a well that needs to be decommissioned. Marks made a motion to approve Contract 2020-01. Total project \$800.00. Cost share \$400.00. (2020 State Cost Share). Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CREP Grant Agreement: House gave updated information on the FY22 CREP Grant Agreement. Discussion. Motion made by Stephens to approve the FY22 CREP Grant Agreement. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Buffer Update: Peterson reported that Lillemon will be starting to send out letters, 50 out of 90. The alternative practices are now all complete. Final project designs will be brought to the February board meeting.

Personnel Update: House reported that Sumstad has now been here over a year and the probation period is now complete.

University of Minnesota Consultant Interview: House reported that he had been contacted by Anna Cates from the U of M to compile a list of crop consultants to interview for a survey.

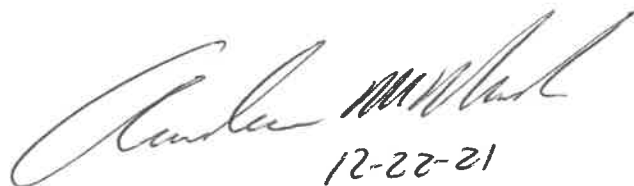
NRCS Update: Gulbrandson reported that 2 of the 4 CSP renewals have been accepted and they are working on CSP payments and CRP reviews.

CRP/CREP/RIM Update: Gulbrandson stated he had 1 CREP signup that is now considering backing out.

Website Update: Sumstad reported that the current website is now considered outdated. She is now exploring different options.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



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