

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
September 23, 2021
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
712 Industrial Park Blvd. Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

Members present:

Paul Groneberg, Vice Chair

Larry Stephens, Member

Jon Nelson, Personnel Director

Member absent:

Randy Larson, Chair

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Others present: Jared House, Nicole Sumstad, Reed Peterson, Brent Gulbrandson (via Zoom). Grant SWCD.

Secretary's Report: Stephens made a motion to approve the Secretary's report from the August 26, 2021, board meeting. Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Groneberg, Stephens, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

Chippewa River Project: Nelson updated received funding for planning and now applying for funding for mapping is underway.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg shared handouts on the breakdown of the current grants. Soil Health day was well attended and seems to be interest for strip tilling.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed Project: House reported that in order to implement cover crops with Watershed Based Implementation Funding the Grant SWCD Non-Structural Land Management Practice Guidance needs to be updated. House requested that the statement "The SWCD may use multiple funding sources to encumber funds. Funding sources can include state cost share, Clean Water Fund, Local, and other funds in any combination to encumber multiple years of funding." be added and that the board adopt the guidance as policy.

Nelson made a motion to make the appropriate changes and to adopt the Non-Structural Land Management Guidance as policy. Stephens seconded. Affirmative: Groneberg, Stephens, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

TSA: House reported the state approved the PRAP study with Houston Engineering to determine staffing needs of the group.

RIM Joint Powers Agreement: Gulbrandson discussed the pros and cons with this agreement. Stephens made a motion to approve the State of Minnesota (Board of Water and Soil Resources) Professional and Technical Services Master Joint Powers Agreement, Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Groneberg, Stephens, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

BWSR Wetland Banking Program Agreement: Gulbrandson explained the pros and cons of this agreement. Nelson made a motion to approve the State of Minnesota (Board of Water and Soil Resources) Joint Powers Agreement. Stephens seconded. Affirmative: Groneberg, Stephens, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

State Cost Share and Conservation Delivery Agreement: House presented the FY22 and 23 State Cost Share and Conservation Delivery Agreement. Stephens made a motion to approve the State Cost Share and Conservation Delivery Agreement. Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Groneberg, Stephens, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Buffer update: Peterson reported he is working on the mapping and it is slowly moving in the right direction. He will be working on alternative practice surveys this fall.

Nitrate Clinic: Sumstad reported the clinic went off with no problems.

Other Business:

House reported that BWSR has revamped the equation on how the state will be distributing local capacity funding. It will most likely be changed again for FY 23.

NRCS: Gulbrandson updated that CSP payments will be ready in October. COVID update for Federal Government: January 2, 2022, return to work for employee who are teleworking. Must be fully vaccinated by Nov 22, 2021 or have proof of negative COVID test. House added the new USDA on closure is 1st order contact office will be shut down for 3 days.

Stephens motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Groneberg, Stephens, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.



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