

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
April 28th, 2022
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Members present:

Randy Larson, Chairman

Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman

Jon Nelson, Personnel

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Others present: Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, and Nicole Sumstad, (Grant SWCD), Micayla Lakey (Pomme de Terre River Association).

Secretary's Report: Marks made motion to approve the secretary's report from the March 24th, 2022, Grant SWCD board meeting. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

Cover Crop Agreement: Gulbrandson outlined cover crop agreement in which it will be 40 acres of wheat and 13.2 acres corn with grazing. This will be a one-year contract. This project ranks low on SWCD ranking form, but will be beneficial for long term cover crop adoption.

Marks made motion with Nelson seconded to approve Contract #2020-03. Total project for one year in the amount of \$2,128.00, flat rate of \$40.00 per acre. (FY2020 State Cost Share). Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Wendell Rain Garden: Gulbrandson outlined the proposed rain garden located in Wendell, MN. Will be placed by the Gazebo at the Community Center. The City of Wendell has approved. SWCD office will be providing in-kind labor services for this project.

Groneberg made motion with Marks seconded to approve Contract # 2020-02. Total project \$5,216.00, Cost share \$3,912.00 (FY2020 State Cost Share). Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Chippewa River Project: Nelson reported the public meeting was very well attended. Wrapping up the website and continuing to work on documents with BWSR. The bus tour is tentatively scheduled for 7/15/2022.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Lakey highlighted recent activity and Grant County's return on investment. House also reported on the FY23 WBIF request.

TSA: House and Marks reported on how the Southern POD agreement will work with Grant SWCD allocated 15%, and emphasizing on how this could take several years before we see the positive return on expenses through Watershed Based Funds.

Marks made motion to approve the Agreement for Engineering Services Contract with Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed: House gave an update on the current funds, and touched base on 5-Mile Creek and the next steps that are being taken.

Buffer update: House reported that there was a meeting with BWSR. A timeline was agreed upon. House also outlined the discussion in which to have a buffer in place before an Alternative Practice plan will be done for the noncompliance landowners.

Groneberg made a motion to limit alternative practice surveys and designs to properties that already have a 16.5-foot buffer that meets the intent of the buffer law. Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

House also reported that the County will be working on County Highway 12 adjacent to Judicial Ditch 12 within 3-5 years. The county will reseed what is damaged on existing buffers for compliant landowners. All landowners have been contracted and were informed to move forward with buffer law requirements.

Nelson made motion, Groneberg seconded, to approve the following alternative practice agreements: Parcel Numbers: 05-0015-500, 05-0027-000, 05-0003-000, 05-0005-500, 05-0014-300, 05-0002-000, 05-0014-500, 05-0011-000. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried

Water Plan Extension: House explained that Grant County extended the current water plan to align with the Chippewa River Watershed plan. He informed the board that they now have to adopt the plan as their plan for the Chippewa River Watershed.

Groneberg made motion, Nelson seconded, to adopt the extended Grant County Water Plan in order to match the Chippewa River Watershed planning process. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Legislative Update: House updated on the current status of the SWCD Aid. The MN House has adopted. Has not made it to the Senate as of yet.

Election refiling: Larson and Groneberg mentioned that they plan to refile. C. VanSanten will be sending out the forms need to be filled out.

New Business:

North Ottawa Impoundment Committee: Larson reported this is currently being assembled and is asking for a member from Grant SWCD. Larson agreed to sit on this committee. The DNR and Bois de Sioux will be involved as well.

Envirothon: Sumstad stated the Senior Envirothon will be taking place on May 4th, 2022, at Detroit Mountain in Detroit Lakes and the State Envirothon will be May 14th, 2022, at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center in Fergus Falls, and she will be volunteering at both.

Nelson made motion to adjourn, Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be May 26th, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Andrew McLeod
5-16-22