

**Minutes**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Grant Soil & Water Conservation District**

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**Members present:**

Randy Larson, Chair

Paul Groneberg, Vice

Larry Stephens, Member

**Others present:** Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, Nicole Sumstad (SWCD), and Ryan Haspel (NRCS), and Michael Yrjo (TSA – 8:25 a.m.).

**Secretary's Report:** Stephens made motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Grant SWCD board meeting. Groneberg seconded. Approve: Larson, Groneberg, and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Groneberg made motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Stephens seconded. Approve: Larson, Groneberg, and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**Chippewa River Project:** House reported no meeting held for July. House is currently working on the Pope/Douglas Ash drinking water update from the most current well reports.

**Pomme de Terre River Association:** Groneberg reported the 2021 WBIF grant is currently being utilized by local offices and PDTRA staff are currently working on the next round of funding.

**Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed Project:** Larson reported no meeting. There will be a North Ottawa Management meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. House reported the FY 2023 WBIF workplan has been approved.

**Soil Health Cost Share Grant:** House shared that the legislature has appropriated soil health funding for SWCD above and beyond normal State Cost share funding. BWSR Board has approved a FY2023 a Soil Health Cost Share Grant for the amount of \$14,125 per district. A BWSR grant agreement should be made available soon. This will be for non-structural projects.

**Contract #26-04-19 CWF and Contract #26-01-21 CWF-319:** Gulbrandson outlined the 2 contracts, for water and sediment control basins, which will be done in 2 sections. Section 1 will be \$11,415.00 from PDT CWF19 and section 2 will be a total of \$18,500 (\$4,431.17 PDT CWF-319-19, \$9,015.08 PDT WBIF 21, and \$5,000.00 State Cost Share 21). Groneberg made motion to approve contract #26-4-19 CWF and contract #26-01-21 CWF 319. Stephens seconded. Approved: Larson, Groneberg, and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**Southern POD Engineering Tech:** Yrjo introduced himself and gave a brief outline on how the Southern POD engineering team is working together on getting projects on the ground.

**WCA Update:** House reported that the delineation has been completed on the current violation and they are scheduled to review and plan for the corrections.

Gulbrandson also outline the Wetland Banking Program.

**Buffer Update:** House reported on the status of Grant SWCD Buffer Plan and everyone is on track. Will be doing status checks again late fall and early spring.

**Arsenic Grant Update:** House stated this is nearing the end. Doing a final postcard mailer and the last day to send in a sample will be November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Field Day Update:** House outlined the schedule for the field day being held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 1-4 p.m.

**NRCS update:** Haspel reported on the EQIP Disaster applications, CRP plans, CRP status reviews, and the CSP renewals.

**NRCS Unfunded Cooperative Agreement:** Gulbrandson outlined the agreement. Groneberg made motion to approve the NRCS Unfunded Cooperative Agreement. Stephens seconded. Approved: Larson, Groneberg, and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

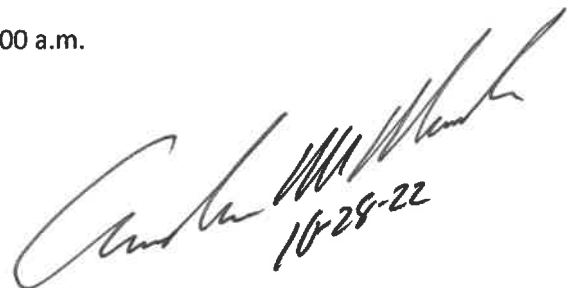
**Teacher of the Year:** House stated we would like approval to nominate John Van Kampen for Conservation Teacher of the Year award through MASWCD. Stephens made motion to nominated John Van Kampen for Conservation Teacher of the Year award through MASWCD, Groneberg seconded. Approved: Larson, Groneberg, and Stephens. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**Wildlife Habitat Steward Award:** House stated through PF and MASWCD there is currently a Wildlife Habitat Steward award. Decision to table until next year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Next meeting to be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

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