

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
February 24th, 2022
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Members present:

Randy Larson, Chairman

Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman

Jon Nelson, Personnel

Others present:

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

Secretary's Report: Groneberg made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the January 27th, 2022, Grant SWCD board meeting. Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

Chippewa River Project: Nelson reported that the plan has been approved by BWSR. They are now in the planning for the "Kick-off" meeting to be held on April 5th, 2022, at the Minnewaska House. They are also working on getting the website updated and planning a tour of the watershed in June.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg reported that there was no meeting held in February. House updated on the Soil Health Team meeting to be held on March 9, 2022, in Morris at the Old #1 at 9:30 a.m. This is open to everyone.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed: Larson reported that there was no meeting held for the month of February. House reported that the flyers targeting the Rabbit River-critical soil loss-cover crop will be sent out next week.

TSA: House reported that the TSA is gearing towards using a northern POD and a southern POD. The TSA may vote in March to approve going to a POD governance. They will also be voting on whether or not to proceed with the second PRAP phase; this will also require BWSR to approve funding for consultant fee.

Groneberg made a motion, contingent on the POD vote in March, to approve moving to the POD system and approve pursuing a contract for services with Becker SWCD, East Ottertail SWCD, West Ottertail

SWCD, and Traverse SWCD. Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Area 1 Meeting: House reminded that we are the host for the upcoming meeting being held on March 15th, 2022, in Mahanomen. We need to have a presentation and will focus on our bigger projects that we have and will be doing.

Pelican Lake Assessment: House and Peterson presented the handbook on the assessment that was done last July 2021. This will not be made public, but the interactive map will be. Will be going to the Pelican Lake Association meeting in May to discuss this with landowners and will report back to the board on the census from the association.

NRCS: Haspel updated that Lance Smith has accepted the position for the ASTC NW. Currently working on EQIP rankings and that with CSP they are prioritizing by dates on the application.

CRP/RIM/CREP: Gulbrandson reported CRP is currently in general signup until March 11, 2022. RIM currently has 4 applications in process but will be slow due to BWSR having low staff numbers.

Buffer update: Peterson and House are working on plan options for landowners. Currently have 4 alternative practices ready to go.

Nelson made a motion to approve for the alternative practice agreements for parcel numbers: 11-0074-500, 11-0075-500, 11-0084-000, 05-0035-000, and 05-0037-000. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Patchen/Silver Lake: Gulbrandson reported that an assessment was done on this due to the very high-water problem. Stevens and Grant County Commissioners are putting together a plan on how to resolve this issue.

Legislative briefing: House stated the Legislative Day at the Capitol will be held on March 9th, 2022.

Election year: Sumstad updated that Larson and Groneberg will be up for reelection this November.

Website Proposals: House and Sumstad updated on the proposals that were received.

Groneberg made a motion with Nelson seconded to give House and/or Sumstad discretion to choose the website company for the new website. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous:

Groneberg had attended a buffer meeting and suggested everyone to try to attend one as it was very informational.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on March 24th, 2022, at 9 a.m.

Amended

Charles M. Walsh
4-28-22

