

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
January 27th, 2022
Grant Soil and Water Conservation District

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

Members present:

Randy Larson, Chairman

Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Others present: Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, and Nicole Sumstad (Grant SWCD)

Members absent:

Larry Stephens, Member

Jon Nelson, Personnel

Secretary's Report: Marks made motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the December 22nd, 2021, Grant SWCD Board meeting. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Sumstad updated and that she is going to look into options on more CD's. Groneberg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Reorganization of the Board:

Marks made a motion to carry forward with the current officers: Randy Larson, Chairman; Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman; Larry Stephens, Member; Jon Nelson, Personnel; Andrew Marks, Treasurer; and Nicole Sumstad, Secretary. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Larson made the following committee appointments:

Chippewa River Project: Nelson with Stephens as alternate

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg with Stephens as alternate.

Bois de Sioux: Larson with Marks as alternate.

TSA: Marks with Stephens as alternate.

Buffer Law: Groneberg with Larson as alternate.

Supervisor Rate: Groneberg made motion to continue with the current rate of \$110.00 per meeting with Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Mileage Rate: Marks made motion to adopt the government rate of 58.5 per mile with Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Newspaper: Groneberg made motion to continue with the Grant County Herald as the newspaper for the District. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Banking Resolution: Groneberg made motion to continue with using the Bank of the West as the financial institution. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Personnel Policy: Marks made motion to adopt June 19th, Juneteenth, as a Federal holiday, with amendment to the personnel policy. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Review Operating Procedures: Groneberg made motion to approve redesignating House to approve payment vouchers for FY22. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Meeting Dates: Groneberg made motion to continue the Grant SWCD board meeting on the 4th Thursday of every month with 9 a.m. starting time from November to March, and with 8 a.m. starting times from April to October. Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

MASWCD Dues: Discussion on the pros and cons of the association. Marks made a motion to pay the MASWCD dues. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Peterson Audit: Marks made a motion to continue use with Peterson Company, LTD, for FY2022. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Chippewa River Project: House reported that they have a contract in place with Houston Engineering to send out the public announcement for the water planning.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg updated that they went through the annual reorganization. Soil Health Day will be March 9th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Old No. 1 in Morris.

Bois de Sioux - Mustinka Watershed Project: Larson updated that they have reviewed the checks and balances and everything is right on track. House commented that there will be a Rabbit River Cover Crop postcard going out around the end of February.

Area 1: House reported that we are the host and just need to get together a presentation. Will be held March 15th, 2022, at Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen.

NRCS: Gulbrandson reported on behalf of Haspel that the CSP is done. CRP Status reviews letters are/have gone out.

CRP: General signup is going on from January 31 – March 11.

RIM: Gulbrandson informed that there was nothing new to report this month.

Upcoming events:

Midwest Soil Health Summit – March 8 and 9, 2022

Legislative Briefing - March 9th

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Next meeting to be held on February 24th, 2022, at 9 a.m.

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