

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
June 23rd, 2022
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members present:

Randy Larson, Chairman

Paul Groneberg, Vice Chairman

Larry Stephens, Member

Jon Nelson, Personnel

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Others present: Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, Nicole Sumstad, and Reed Peterson (Grant SWCD), Ryan Haspal (NRCS).

Secretary's Report: Stephens made motion to approve the secretary's report from the May 26th, 2022, Grant SWCD board meeting. Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

Chippewa River Project: Nelson reported no meeting held this month. Updated on the bus tour that will take place on July 15th, 2022. House updated the TAC is moving along on finalizing and ranking watershed issues.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg reported on the safety concerns with Patchen/Silver lake water levels. Grant and Stevens County Highway Departments are working together on this. House updated on custom strip till project. One producer is interested in a 3-year contract. The association is also working on purchasing soil health testing equipment.

Field Day - Soil Health Day planning is underway. September 14, 2022, and will be held at Glenn Hjelle's shop with focus on the planting green program. Rollofson will also have information on the Grant SWCD Soil Health test plots.

Bois de Sioux Watershed: Gulbrandson reported on the request to move the money from the cover crop earmark to structural agricultural practices. Discussions on new projects that are in the works.

TSA: Marks reported that northern POD Engineer and Tech have been hired. Southern POD the Tech is hired and starts on July 18th, 2022. The FY2023 budget is being worked on and needs to be complete by June 30, 2022.

North Ottawa Committee: Larson reported the committee meet with DNR and Bois de Sioux Watershed to discuss goals and funding for maintenance of the Impoundment.

MJPA Work Order Contract Status Review Agreement: Gulbrandson outlined the RIM status reviews agreement.

Groneberg made motion at approve the MJPA Work Order Agreement with Marks seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Website: Sumstad updated the status on the website.

IRS: Sumstad reported that the IRS has increased mileage rate starting on July 1, 2022, to the end of FY2022. No action needed.

FY2023 CREP Agreement: House and Gulbrandson reported and outlined the agreement.

Marks made motion to approve the CREP Agreement for FY2023 with Groneberg seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Teacher Development Grant/Classroom Development Grant: House confirmed 2 applications have been received for the Classroom Development Grant. Herman/Norcross Community School along with West Central Area School have applied with requests for new classroom equipment. Each grant requesting the \$1,000.00 max.

Marks made motion to approve the 2 grant applications for Herman/Norcross Community School and West Central Area Schools for the amount \$1,000.00 each. Stephens seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Administrative Leave May 30th, 2022: House made a request to receive Administrative leave for 4 hours on May 30th, 2022, due to the office not having power. He will also work on updating the personnel policy to account for these types of situations.

Stephens made motion to approve the request for administrative leave for 4 hours on May 30th, 2022. Nelson seconded. Affirmative: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, Nelson, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

New Business:

NRCS: Haspal reported they currently have an intern who will be helping for the summer. They are currently working on CRP plans and status reviews for FY23 and 24. Also there are 8 CSP renewals.

Legislative update: House reported that the SWCD Aid did not pass in this session.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Next meet to be held on July 28th, 2022, at 8 a.m.



7-28-22