Minutes

Board of Supervisors

November 23rd, 2022

Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members Present:

Randy Larson - Chair

Paul Groneberg - Vice

Larry Stephens – Member

Andrew Marks – Treasurer

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

Supervisor Resignation and Appointment: Sumstad reported she had received the resignation letter from Nelson. Groneberg made motion to approve to accept the resignation of Grant County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor Jon Nelson. Marks seconded. Approved: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Discussion and list put together on possible replacement supervisor. House will reach out to the possible replacements.

House also noted the District will need an interim personnel director. Larson appointed Groneberg to cover until filled.

Secretary's Report: Stephens made motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the October 28th, 2022, Grant SWCD board meeting. Marks seconded. Approved: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

NRCS: No report

Chippewa River Project: No meeting. House gave report they are still working on the measurable goals.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg reported the status of encumbered grant monies. House added the change in grants with the administrator role and that the soil health team will not be meeting until March.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed: Larson stated there was not a meeting and also reminding that the impoundments cells are open for 2-year contracts rental bids.

Envirothon: Sumstad gave a run-down on the status of the Area 1 Junior and Senior Envirothon's and asked if the District would be willing to consider a \$500.00 donation for FY2023. Groneberg made motion to grant the Area 1 Envirothon \$500.00 as a donation for FY2023. Stephens seconded. Approved: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

TSA: Marks reported on the status of the Northern and Southern POD's. Distribution of equipment and employee dissolution. House updated the amendment for the JPA – TSA Area 1 Agreement.

Marks moved to approve the Amended JPA -TSA Area 1 Agreement. Groneberg seconded. Approved: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Grant Agreements: House and Gulbrandson discussed each agreement.

Marks made motion to approve FY2023 Soil Health Cost Share Agreement (P23-2687), FY2023 Buffer Law Agreement (P23-2556), and FY2023 Local Capacity Agreement (P23-2466). Groneberg seconded. Approve: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Classroom/Teacher Development Grant Extensions: House explained the requests from schools to extend the grants to March 31, 2023, in regards with the new hire in the Herman-Norcross District and the delay with the WCA with the greenhouse project. Marks made motion to approve the extensions of the FY 2022 Classroom/Teacher Development Grants to March 31, 2023. Stephens seconded. Approved: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

New Business:

Grant County SWCD 2022 Teacher of the Year: House informed that John Van Kampen will be attending the December 22nd, 2022, Grant SWCD Board meeting so we can recognize his teaching accomplishments.

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Motion to adjourn from Marks seconded by Groneberg. Approve: Larson, Groneberg, Stephens, and Marks. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Next meeting to be held on December 22, 2022, at 9 a.m.