

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
February 27th, 2023
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Paul Groneberg, Chairman

Randy Larson, Vice Chairman

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Darin Hanson, Personnel

Others present: Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, Nicole Sumstad, and Reed Peterson (SWCD), Ryan Haspel (NRCS) and Pete Waller (BWSR).

Secretary's Report: Larson made a motion to approve the secretary's report from the January 26th, 2023, board meeting. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Hanson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Chippewa River Project: Hanson updated no meeting. House updated the status of water planning.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg updated on grant fund availability and the soil health meeting coming up on March 16, 2023.

House reviewed the FY 2023 Contract for Services with the Pomme de Terre river Association. Marks made a motion to approve the FY 2023 Contract for Services with the Pomme de Terre River Association. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed: Larson updated no meeting.

TSA: Mark reminded on the upcoming meeting April 6, 2023.

Legislative Update: Waller outlined the 2023 Legislative update on BWSR priorities.

Application approvals: Gulbrandson outlined 3 new applications for the soil health grant.

Marks made a motion to approve application #2023-02-SH for a farmstead windbreak. Total project \$2,546.50, with a cost share amount of \$1,909.88 (FY2023 Soil Health Grant). Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Larson made a motion to approve application #2023-03-SH for a tree planting. Total project \$5,751.75, with a cost share amount of \$4,313.81 (FY2023 Soil Health Grant). Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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Water Day: House updated on the water day that will be held on April 4th, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sanford room in the Elbow Lake Community Building.

2023 MACDE membership: House explained that the trainings and the website are very useful tools for staff members. Hanson made a motion to approve paying the MACDE membership dues for Grant SWCD staff. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS: Haspel updated on CRP (general signup), EQIP (closes on March 24, 2023), and CSP (ranking process).

Area 1 Meeting: House reminded everyone on the upcoming Area 1 meeting March 21, 2023, in Mahanomen.

West Ottertail SWCD Administrative Assistant help: House reported WOT SWCD reached out for temporary administrative assistant help until they can fill the position. Marks made a motion to approve a contract for services with West Ottertail SWCD. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Clear Springs Cattle Health-Soil Health update: Larson reported that at this meeting and that they had touched on cover crops and grazing and felt it was a very effective meeting.

Discussion Topics/Review/Programs/Trainings: Gulbrandson inquired on what interests the Grant SWCD board may have for future meetings. Larson would like to explore drainage water management.

New Business:

Joe Montonye Funeral: Sumstad relayed that the Grant SWCD will be sending a floral arrangement.

Marks made a motion to adjourn. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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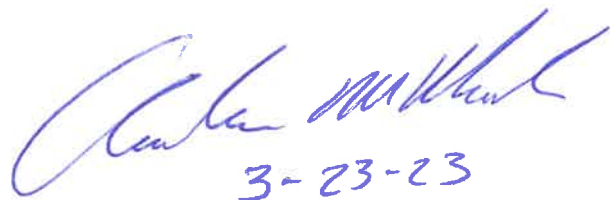
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