

**Minutes**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Grant Soil & Water Conservation District**

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

**Members Present:**

Randy Larson, Chairman

Paul Groneberg, Vice

Larry Stephens, Member

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Darin Hanson, New appointment

**Others present:** Jared House, Nicole Sumstad, and Reed Peterson (SWCD), and Ryan Haspel (NRCS).

**Teacher of the Year:** House presented John Van Kampen with the 2022 Grant SWCD Conservation Teacher of the Year.

**NRCS:** Haspel updated the EQIP, CSP, and CRP programs including the numbers for Grant County for FY22.

**Reorganization of the Board:**

**Election of Officers:** Larson and Groneberg recited the Oath of Office for re-election.

Marks made a motion for Groneberg to sit as Chair. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Marks a made motion for Larson to sit as Vice Chair. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Hanson made a motion for Marks to remain as Treasurer. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Larson made a motion for Hanson to sit as Personnel Supervisor. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Marks made a motion for Stephens to remain as Member-at-Large. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Marks made a motion for Sumstad to remain as Secretary. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Groneberg made the following committee appointments:

Groneberg to remain on the Pomme de Terre River Association

Larson to remain on Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed

Hanson to begin on the Chippewa River Project

Marks to remain on the TSA

Stephens is to remain as an alternate for all committees.

**Mileage:** Sumstad updated the IRS mileage rate for FY2023 is \$.655.

**Newspaper:** Hanson made a motion for the Grant County Herald to remain as the District's newspaper. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Banking Resolution:** Stephens made a motion to remain with Bank of the West for the Districts primary financial institution. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Policies:** House refreshed on the revised policies. Marks made a motion to approve the revised Personnel policy, the Restricted Funds policy, and the Teleworking policy. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Meeting dates and times:** Stephens made a motion to remain with the set meeting times being of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month with the exceptions of Holidays. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Review of Operating procedures:** House refreshed on project voucher sign off. Marks made a motion to continue with the current procedures with House approval to sign off on payment vouchers. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Stephens made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, board meeting. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sumstad reviewed the treasurer's report. Hanson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

House outlined the Minnesota Pay Equity report. Hanson made a motion to approve the Minnesota Pay Equity report. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Chippewa River Project:** House reported close to completion on section 4 of the goals.

**Pomme de Terre River Association:** Groneberg updated on the funding and the Soil Health Team meeting will be held March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Morris, MN. Strip-Till will be the focus this year.

**Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed:** Larson made comment on the policy committee then updated on the North Ottawa Impoundment Committee stating they are focusing on maintenance goals. House added that on the tech committee looking for change in fund distributions.

**TSA:** Marks reported that there was no meeting this month. House stated they had a staff meeting with Southern POD and everything seems to be moving along well.

**MASWCD/Area 1 Dues:** Marks made a motion to pay MASWCD Area 1 and state dues. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Peterson Audit approval Letter:** Larson made a motion to approve the Peterson Audit Approval letter. Marks seconded. None oppose, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Buffer update:** Peterson reviewed 3 Alternative Practice agreements. Larson made a motion to approve Alternative Practices agreements on parcels: 05-0007-500, 11-0091-000; 11-0072-000, 11-0072-100; and 11-0019-000. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Application approval:** House outlined a new application for the soil health cost share grant. Larson made a motion to approve the Windbreak/shelterbelt Establishment Contract #2023-01-SH, for total project amount of \$6,000.00 with a cost share amount of \$4,500 (FY2023 Soil Health). Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

**International Water Institution:** House outlined the program.

**New Business:**

**SWCD Aid:** House gave a brief rundown.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



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