

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

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

Members present:

Paul Groneberg, Chairman

Randy Larson, Vice Chairman

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

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

Secretary's Report: Marks made a motion to approve the secretary's report from the June 22nd, 2023, Board meeting. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sumstad updated on the closing of one CD to open a new CD and reviewed all the current rates. Marks made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS: Haspel reported they received additional grant monies bringing the total approved CSP applications to 18. They are also working on CRP status reviews for Grant and Stevens Counties and there will be an early EQIP signup.

Chippewa River Project: House reported the internal draft review will be completed by July 31, 2023, and then will move onto a 60-day public review.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg reported that the coordinator had given notice that she will be leaving her position leaving them exploring different options to fill this vacancy. Meanwhile they have sent out a request for proposal for an interim coordinator until a permanent decision is made. House outlined a proposal for Grant SWCD to act as the interim coordinator. Marks made a motion to approve to respond to the RFP interim coordinator for the Pomme de Terre River Association for a maximum of 6 months. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion approved.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed: Larson reported that the July meeting was canceled. House updated on grant money.

Bus Tour: House and Gulbrandson updated on the upcoming bus tour that will be held August 24th, 2023. Plan on meeting in Elbow Lake at the community building around 8 a.m. and depart approximately 8:30

a.m. We will tour Pomme de Terre, Pelican, Sanford, and Erdahl townships. Lunch will be provided and we will hold our monthly board meeting after.

RCPP Soil Grant: House updated on the RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) Soil Grant application that is currently being proposed for all of North Dakota and 5 Minnesota counties (Wilken, Traverse, Clay, Ottertail, and Grant). This will be a 5-year Federal Grant in the amount of 20 million, with 6 million of that coming to Minnesota. General Mills will be covering the match. The grant would also include a variance request with NRCS on seeding rate guidelines.

Larson made a motion to send a letter of approval in support of this grant opportunity. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Carla Marks 9-11-23