Minutes

Board of Supervisors

March 23rd, 2023

Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Groneberg handed the meeting over to Vice Chair Larson.

Larson called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Members present:

Paul Groneberg, Chairman

Randy Larson, Vice Chair

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Others present: Brent Gulbrandson, Jared House, Nicole Sumstad, and Reed Peterson (SWCD). Wes Drake (Southern POD).

Secretary's Report: Marks made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the February 27th, 2023, board meeting. Groneberg seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Water Drainage Management: Wes Drake presented a power point on information regarding Drainage Water Management.

Chippewa River Project: House reported still reviewing the implementation section.

Pomme de Terre River Association: No meeting held. House recapped the March 16th Soil Health Team Meeting; Strip-Till, No-Till and Cover Crops. Very well attended even with the undesired weather.

Bois de Sioux-Mustinka Watershed: Larson reported on management of the cells in the North Ottawa Impoundment. House explained Red Path and the LCCMR Northern Pike Habitat Grant that was received.

NRCS: Gulbrandson gave an update on a new hire starting at the end of May, and that the Local Work Group Meeting will be held April 27th, 2023, after the SWCD Board meeting.

RIM Work Order Contract: Gulbrandson reviewed the contract emphasizing the status checks we conduct, thus benefiting the FY2023 \$2,100.00. Groneberg made a motion to approve the RIM Work Order Contract (Work Order #26-22-W099). Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Contract Amendment: Gulbrandson outlined the following contract amendments.

Marks made a motion to approve contract amendments, Contract #2023-02-SH, estimated cost of the project from \$2,546.50 to \$2,843.50 with cost share of \$2,132.63 based on 75%: Contract #2023-03-SH, estimated cost of \$5,751.75 to \$5,966.75 with cost share of \$4,475.06 based on 75%. Groneberg seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Application Approvals: Gulbrandson outlined the 2 new applications.

Marks made a motion to approve application #2023-05-SH for a farmstead windbreak. Total project \$2,396.00, with a cost share amount of \$1,797.00 (FY2023 Soil Health Grant). Groneberg seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Marks made a motion to approve application #2023-06-SH for a farmstead windbreak. Total project \$1,820.90, with a cost share of \$999.41 (FY2023 Soil Health Grant). Groneberg seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Buffer Update: House updated on the Notice of Noncompliance letters that will be sent to the Bois de Sioux.

WIA Update: Gulbrandson reviewed the Walk-in Access Program with the DNR that is open for sign up until April 21, 2023.

Area 1 Meeting: House, Marks, and Larson attended. Reported on SWCD Aid update, looking for options for Secretary/Treasurer duties, and meeting schedules.

Water Day: Gulbrandson discussed the details for the Grant County Water Day on April 4th, 2023.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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