

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
May 25th, 2023
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Members present:

Paul Groneberg, Chair
Randy Larson, Vice
Larry Stephens, Member
Darin Hanson, Personnel

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

Secretary's Report: Larson made motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the April 27th, 2023, board meeting. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

NRCS: Haspel updated on the new hire that has started, an intern who will be here for about 2 weeks towards the end of July, CSP signup deadline is May 31, 2023, the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) funds are limited and hopefully in the future there should be better allocations. And lastly, they are working on CRP status letters.

Chippewa River Project: Hanson reported no meeting but has received emails on the budget updates.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg reported no meeting. House updated on the University of Minnesota Soil Solutions– Field Day, that will be held on September 7, 2023.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed: Larson reported no meeting. House updated on encumbered monies for upcoming projects and also on the upcoming fish barrier removal projects along County Ditch 8.

TSA: House updated on the amended JPA, unanimous vs. majority vote. Hanson made motion to approve the amended JPA Agreement. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

University of Minnesota Beet Cover Crop Project: House outlined the research project and will keep us updated when he knows if or when it has been funded and the role that the Grant SWCD could play with it.

Agreement for Services Approval: House presented an updated Agreement for Services contract with continued test plots with Chad Rolofson. He also will be reaching out to Anna Cates with the U of M with assistance on updating graphs, etc. Larson made a motion to approve the Agreement for Services contract with Chad Rolofson. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Application Approvals:

Gulbrandson outlined application #2020-06 for a Critical Area Planting. Hanson made a motion to approve application #2020-06 for a Critical Area Planting with a total amount of \$4,280.30, with Cost Share amount of \$3,210.23 (State Cost Share FY2020 and State Cost Share FY2021). Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Gulbrandson then updated that applications #26-03-01 through 26-07-01 are being put on hold, waiting for an updated contractor bid. Gulbrandson also recapped upcoming projects and maybe the need to review our current cost share policy.

Stewardship Program: House reported on the International Water Institute Stewardship Program. Although funding was not granted they will continue to look for other sources.

Area 1 Meeting: Sumstad reminded everyone of the upcoming Area 1 Meeting on June 20th, 2023, and will need a head count by June 12, 2023.

New Business:

DNR Contract: House and Sumstad outlined the Professional and Technical Services Contract draft with the Minnesota DNR pertaining to Grant SWCD doing quarterly well observation checks. Sumstad stated she would be willing to take on this responsibility. Larson made a motion to approve, with House to sign, and approve the final Professional and Technical Services Contract, when it comes available. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Anna Cates
6-22-23