

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
November 22nd, 2023
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

Members present:

Paul Groneberg, Chairman

Randy Larson, Vice Chairman

Larry Stephens, Member

Darin Hanson, Personnel

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Sumstad gave a recap on the treasurer's report. Stephens made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS: Haspel updated on CSP payments for FY2023 due by December 8, 2023, and new CSP signup deadline on January 12, 2024. There are 18 applications for EQIP with January 18, 2024, as a ranking deadline. He also gave an update on increased rates for programs in FY2024.

Chippewa River Project: Hanson reported no meeting. House reported on a staff meeting held for discussion on the possible joint coordinator position with Pomme de Terre River Association. It was voted against in a roll call vote of: 5 in favor and 9 opposed.

Pomme de Terre River Association: House updated on FY2023 WBIF supplemental funding grant and our request for \$264,114 for a WASCOB project.

Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watershed: Larson stated no meeting. House updated that we are putting in a request for \$180,000 to complete two WASCOB projects through the FY2023 WBIF supplemental funding grant.

Area 1 Meeting: Groneberg and Gulbrandson stated it was a good meeting with Tom Giles's presentation on soil health and Bryan Malone's information with the TSA.

Buffer Update: House outlined the status on Grant County Ditch #3. Regulatory authority was recently given to the Bois de Sioux-Mustinka Watershed District. House completed a preliminary review of the parcels on ditch #3 and will be sending the watershed district a list of non-compliant parcels via Notices of Non-Compliance. House then outlined an alternative practice parcel #05-0059-000 design that has buffers in place. Hanson made a motion to approve the alternative practice for parcel number 05-0059-000. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

2021-01 Amendment: Gulbrandson outlined the amendment for contract #2021-01, on increasing the original amount of \$3,621.52 to \$3,936.36. Hanson made a motion to approve Contract #2021-01 amendment from the original amount of \$3,621.52 to \$3,936.36. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

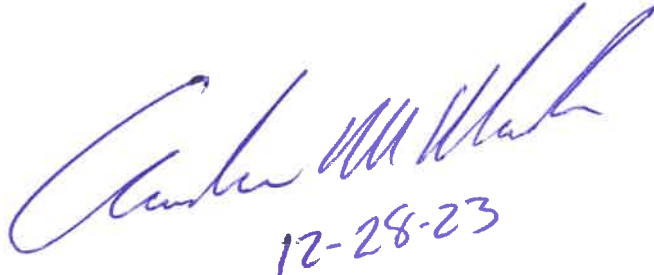
RCPH Soil Health Grant: House recapped on the grants that has been awarded. The 5 Minnesota SWCD's (Grant, Traverse, Ottertail, Wilken, and Clay) involved will be looking into hiring a soil health specialist. Negotiations have also begun with NRCS as to project payment rates and ranking.

MASWCD Annual Convention: House will be representing Grant SWCD.

Soil Management Summit: House, along with Groneberg and Larson, will be in attendance this year.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.



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