Minutes

Board of Supervisors December 19th, 2024

Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

Members Present:

Paul Groneberg, Chairman

Randy Larson, Vice Chair

Darin Hanson, Personnel

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Other Present: Brent Gulbrandson, Nicole Sumstad, Tim Amundson (SWCD), Eric Klimek (NRCS).

Secretary's Report: Marks made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report of November 27th, 2024, board meeting. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

NRCS: Klimek reported on the ranking process for EQIP which is due January 11, 2025, and the CSP payment schedule.

Chippewa River Watershed Association: Hanson stated the meeting is December 20th, 2024. Gulbrandson stated the TAC has been busy working on policies.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg updated on budget reviews also the soil health meeting will be held again in March. Gulbrandson recapped the status of projects and outlined CRP Incentive application #PDT-24-CCRP-01 for approval. Marks made a motion to approve application #PDT-24-CCRP-01 for the CRP incentive program in the amount of \$1,353.00. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Bois de Sioux Watershed: Larson stated no meeting. Gulbrandson reported on reviewing projects.

Marks made a motion to close the meeting to the public for personnel negotiations and the District 1 Supervisor open seat appointment. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed at 10:01 a.m.

Marks made a motion to open the meeting back to the public. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened back to the public at 10:52 a.m.

Hanson reviewed the personnel negotiation proposal. Marks made a motion to approve the personnel proposal including a 3% pay increase with an additional \$.25/hr. for Tim Amundson, and additional .50/hr. for Nicole Sumstad and Brent Gulbrandson. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Hanson then made a motion to approve a one-time roll over of 40 hours of vacation for Brent Gulbrandson from FY2024 to FY2025. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Hanson made a motion to approve a stipend of \$30.00/month to be paid quarterly to Grant SWCD employees for cell phone usage for FY2025. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Marks made a motion to appoint Aaron Wienandt to fulfill the 4-year term as District 1 Supervisor. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

FY2025 Budget Approval: Sumstad outlined the final budget proposal. Marks made a motion to approve the FY2025 Budget. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

BWSR Work Order #26-24-W001 Approval: Gulbrandson outlined work order #26-24-W001, with duties pertaining to RIM easements. Marks made a motion to approve the BWSR work order #26-24-W001. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

MASWCD Convention recap: Groneberg and Gulbrandson gave a recap of convention highlights.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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