

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
February 22nd, 2024
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

Members Present:

Paul Groneberg, Chairman

Randy Larson, Vice

Larry Stephens, Member

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

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

Secretary's Report: Stephens made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the January 25th, 2024, board meeting. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sumstad reviewed the treasurers report. House reviewed the Fund Balance Policy. Larson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS: Haspel updated on the 1st round of EQIP preapprovals and that they are continuing to finish CSP rankings that are due on April 3, 2024.

Chippewa River Project: House reported the plan is still available for review during public comment period through February 27th 2024. Planning for a public hearing in April. TAC is working on forming conservation practice policies.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg stated no JPB meeting. House gave an update on the coordinator position and supplemental funding.

Bois de Sioux Watershed: Larson stated no JPB meeting. House gave an update on the supplemental funding.

State of Minnesota Professional and Technical MJPA: Gulbrandson outlined the contract. Marks made a motion to approve the State of Minnesota Professional and Technical MJPA for

FY24 – 29 (Swift Contract #241247). Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

TSA: Gulbrandson gave an update on the proposed budget.

Project updates:

County Ditch #8: House updated they will be reaching out to the landowners on purchasing temporary and permanent easements.

Pomme de Terre Dam Project: House stated the landowner letters have been sent and Houston Engineering has been hired.

West Central Area Schools Environmental Learning Center: House outlined the plans for the proposed outdoor environmental learning center. Marks made a motion to approve a donation for \$2,000.00 toward the outdoor environmental learning center. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Traverse SWCD Field Day: House shared Traverse SWCD is hosting a field day in July and will be having a guest speaker, Ray Archuleta, and have reached out for sponsorships. Larson made a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$1,000.00. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

TAIL-Wind Direction Donation: Larson outlined the TAIL-Wind Direction highlighting the possibilities for sensory garden equipment to help in conservation education. Marks made a motion to approve a donation of \$750.00 to acquire sensory garden equipment, that will help in conservation education, with the possibility of more in the future. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Legislative update: Day at the Capital will be held on March 13, 2024. House outlined a letter to send to Representative Becker on our concerns on a bill, HF3389, that was introduced. Marks made a motion to approve sending a letter to Representative Becker on our concerns about HF3389. Stephens seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.



3-28-24