

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
March 28th, 2024
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Members Present:

Paul Groneberg, Chairman

Randy Larson, Vice

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Darin Hanson, Personnel

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

Secretary's Report: Marks made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report from the February 22nd, 2024, board meeting. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

NRCS: Haspel stated they are down to 5 CSP rankings to finish by April 5th, 2024, and reminded about the local work group meeting that will be held April 25th, 2024, after the SWCD monthly board meeting.

Chippewa River Project: Hanson reported the public review period has now ended and the public hearing will be held April 19th, 2024, in Glenwood. House reported TAC decided to move forward with the MS4Front as the tracking software from HEI.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg reported on the supplemental funding amendment. House updated on the Pomme de Terre River Dam removal project and that Stevens SWCD will house the new coordinator and the position will be announced by the end of the week. Marks made a motion to cancel the Contract for Services with the Pomme de Terre River Association for the Interim Coordinator effective 4/5/2024. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Soil Health Team Meeting: Groneberg and Larson stated it was very well attended and word is getting out that strip-till is for all soil types.

Bois de Sioux Watershed: Larson gave an update on the supplemental funding amendment.

Buffer Update: House recapped on the Buffer meeting that was held on March 22nd, 2024. The Bois de Sioux Watershed preferred Alternative Practice concerns were discussed.

Fund Balance Policy: Tabled until further notice.

Contracts: Gulbrandson outlined 5 new applications for the FY2024-2025 Conservation Contracts grant.

Marks made a motion to approve application 26-01-25-CCP, farmstead/windbreak, total project \$1,601.00, cost share amount of \$1,200.75; application 26-02-25-CCP, farmstead/windbreak, total project \$2,472.20, cost share amount of \$1,854.15; application 26-03-25-CCP, tree and shrub establishment, total project \$1,252.00, cost share amount of \$939.00, all 3 contracts for FY2024 plantings (FY2024-2025 Conservation Contract Grant); Application 26-04-25-CCP, farmstead/windbreak, total project \$3,629.00, cost share amount of \$2,721.75, FY2025 planting (FY2024-2025 Conservation Contract Grant). Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Marks made a motion, contingent on CRP approval, to approve application 26-05-25-CCP farmstead/windbreak, total project \$8,875.00, cost share amount capped at \$5,000.00, FY2024 planting (FY2024-2025 Conservation Contract Grant). Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Area 1 Meeting: Marks and Groneberg stated good information was presented.

Cyber Liability Insurance: Sumstad updated on the insurance quote she has received. Marks made a motion to approve the Cyber Liability insurance as long as it stays under \$600.00 for the year. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Jared House Resignation: Marks made a motion to approve the resignation of Jared House with the Grant County SWCD effective April 5, 2024. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Position descriptions and new hire: Gulbrandson and Sumstad will update current job descriptions and will put together a new job posting for a district technician.

Ditch Authority Transfer Meeting: Larson reviewed the meeting from March 27th, 2024, on the possible transfer of authority of Grant County Ditches, that are located in the Bois de Sioux Watershed District, to the Bois de Sioux Watershed District.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.



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