

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
January 23rd, 2025
Grant Soil & Water Conservation District

Chairman Groneberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Paul Groneberg, Chairman

Randy Larson, Vice Chair

Darin Hanson, Personnel

Andrew Marks, Treasurer

Aaron Weinandt, Member

Other Present: Brent Gulbrandson, Nicole Sumstad, Tim Amundson (SWCD), and Ryan Haspel (NRCS).

Oath of Office was recited by reelected supervisors Darin Hanson and Andrew Marks, and appointed supervisor Aaron Weinandt.

Reorganization of the Board:

- **Election of Officers:** Marks made a motion for the Grant County Soil & Water Conservation District Officers to remain the same for FY2025. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - Paul Groneberg, Chairman
 - Randy Larson, Vice Chairman
 - Darin Hanson, Personnel
 - Andrew Marks, Treasurer
 - Aaron Weinandt, Member
- **Committee Appointments:** Groneberg stated committee appointments will remain the same for FY2025.
 - Chippewa River Watershed: Hanson; alternate Weinandt
 - Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg; alternate Weinandt
 - Bois de Sioux Watershed: Larson; alternate Marks
 - TSA: Marks; alternate Weinandt
 - Buffer Committee: Groneberg; alternate Larson

- **Meeting per Diem:** Marks made a motion to keep the supervisors per diem at \$110.00 per meeting. Weinandt seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried
- **Mileage:** Sumstad updated the IRS mileage rate for FY2025 is \$.70. Marks made a motion to follow the IRS mileage rate for FY2025. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.
- **Banking Resolutions:** Hanson made a motion to remain with BMO for the Districts primary financial institution. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.
- **Newspaper:** Marks made a motion for the Grant County Herald to remain as the Districts newspaper. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.
- **Meeting times and dates:** Marks made a motion to remain with the set meeting dates and times for FY2025, being the 4th Thursday of every month with the exceptions of holidays. December will be held on the 18th. Larson seconded. None opposed all in favor. Motion carried.
- **Review of Operating Procedures:** Marks made a motion to continue with the current procedures with Gulbrandson approval to sign off on payment vouchers. Weinandt seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Larson made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report of December 19th, 2024, board meeting. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

NRCS: Haspel updated on the 1st round of EQIP ranking is done, the IRA money that is currently frozen, and working on new CSP applications. Haspel also conducted the Civil Rights review.

Chippewa River Watershed Association: Hanson updated on the cost share policy approval. Gulbrandson stated the TAC has been working on the MS4Front.

Pomme de Terre River Association: Groneberg stated no meeting was held. Gulbrandson recapped the status of the dam projects that have now been put on hold.

Bois de Sioux Watershed: Larson stated he was unable to attend the meeting. Gulbrandson reported on reviewing projects.

FY2025 SWCD Aid Guidelines: Sumstad review the guidelines. Marks made a motion to approve the FY2025 SWCD Aid Guidelines. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Application Approvals: Gulbrandson and Amundson outlined 4 applications. Larson made a motion to approve the following applications: 26-05-25-CCP, Windbreak-Shelterbelt Establishment, total project \$2,273.25, cost share amount of \$1,704.94; 26-06-25-CCP, Tree and Shrub Establishment, total project \$2,525.00, cost share amount of \$1,893.75; 26-07-25-CCP, Windbreak Establishment, total project \$2,083.00, cost share amount of \$1,562.25; and 26-08-25-CCP, Windbreak-Shelterbelt Establishment, total project \$2,081.75, cost share amount of \$1,561.31 (2024 - Conservation Contracts). Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

MASWCD, Area 1 MASWCD, and MACDE: Sumstad outlined the requested dues for FY25. Hanson made a motion to approve MASWCD, Area 1 MASWCD, and MACDE dues for FY25. Larson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Envirothon: Sumstad outlined the requested donation for FY25. The board tabled this item until the February meeting.

Becker SWCD Soil Health Bus Tour FY25: Gulbrandson outlined the request for donation. Hanson made a motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Becker SWCD for the Soil Health Bus Tour FY25. Marks seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

February Meeting: Gulbrandson updated on the TSA meeting that will coincide with the February board meeting. Marks made a motion to approve moving the February 27th board meeting to Friday, February 28th, 2025. Hanson seconded. None opposed, all in favor. Motion carried.

Gulbrandson reminded everyone of the upcoming Ag Update meeting, (February 10th, 2025), Buffer committee meeting, (February 26th, 2025), and the TSA (February 27th, 2025).

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.


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