

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on April 10, 2019.

Meeting was called to order by Randy Smith, Board Chairman.

Supervisors Present: Jim Gebhardt
Jon Erichson
Randy Smith
Jim Kellogg
Micah Peterson

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager
Jeanne Crump, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Teddy Moreno-Santos, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner
Dave Copeland, BWSR BC

Agenda:

State Cost Share was added to the Action Items. Due to other engagements, items on the agenda will be moved around. Erichson made a motion to approve the April agenda with changes. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Erichson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:

The payables report and the treasurer reports were reviewed with the board. Erichson made a motion to approve the payables report, April payroll, the treasurer reports and to transfer money as needed. Peterson second the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Polly Glynn gave a report on County programs to include: the buffer law, staff changes and road repairs.

NRCS Staff Report:

Moreno-Santos gave an update on NRCS programs to include: EQIP, area program specialist position and CSP.

BWSR Update:

Copeland gave an update on BWSR, to include: retirements, 1W1P, training, and watershed planning partnership.

Action Items:

Windbreak Cost Share:

The following are requesting district cost share for their windbreaks:

Name	Twp/Sect	Windbreak Total	District Cost Share
John Krull	Nevada 28	\$ 999.63	\$ 499.82
Bob Smith	Adams 18	\$ 1,181.66	\$ 500.00
Shelly Burman	Austin 28	\$ 464.94	\$ 232.47
Tom Finnegan	Red Rock 31	\$ 987.60	\$ 493.80

Erichson made a motion to approve the above district cost share contracts at 50% not to exceed \$500. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

State Cost Share Contract Approval:

Dave Doyle is requesting state cost share funds for his waterway project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$8,148.50, with a cost share amount of 50% not to exceed \$4,074.25. Peterson made a motion to approve the State Cost Shared waterway project for Dave Doyle at 50%, not to exceed \$4,074.25. Funding for this project will come from FY18 State Cost Share funds. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

State Cost Share Payment:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the state cost share payment for Steve Kasel's waterway project. The total cost of the project was \$8,083.60 and the cost share payment at 50% is \$4,041.80. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Lisa Start Waterway:

Hanson talked about the Lisa Start waterway project.

Discussion Items:

Summer Intern Position:

Hanson updated the board on the intern position.

We Are Water MN:

Ruzek gave an update of the events taking place for We Are Water MN.

Annual Report:

The board discussed the 2018 Annual Report.

Pheasant Opener:

Hunter gave an update on the Governor's Pheasant Opener.

Supervisor Reports:

Nothing new to report.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be May 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., weather permitting.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____