

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on May 8, 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: Brian DeVetter, NRCS District Conservationist
Teddy Moreno-Santos, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner

Agenda:

Peterson made a motion to approve the May agenda. Gebhardt seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Erichson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2019 board meeting.
Kellogg 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.
Hanson explained adjustments to be made on the program summary. Discussion held. Kellogg made a motion to approve the payables report, May payroll, the treasurer reports and to transfer money as needed. Gebhardt second the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Action Items:

CWF Headwaters Targeted Watershed Grant (Fillmore SWCD):
Hanson explained the forage and biomass plantings for the Targeted Watershed Root River headwaters cost share. The board held discussion. The following are requesting flat rate cost share for their forage and biomass planting through the CWF Headwaters grant.

Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Flat Rate CS/acre	Acres	Per Year	10 Yr. Total
Brinks Enterprises, Inc.	Bennington 20	Forage & Biomass Planting	\$300.00	5.14	\$1,542.00	\$15,420.00
Sue Dougan	Bennington 20-N. Field	Forage & Biomass Planting	\$300.00	1.41	\$423.00	\$4,230.00
Sue Dougan	Bennington 20-S. Field	Forage & Biomass Planting	\$300.00	3.86	\$1,158.00	\$11,580.00

Peterson made a motion to approve contract #HW19-02 for Brinks Enterprises, Inc. for his 5.14 acre forage and biomass planting project at \$300 per acre for 10 years. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: Erichson

Peterson made a motion to approve contract #HW19-01 for Sue Dougan for her 1.41 and 3.86 acre forage and biomass planting projects at \$300 per acre for 10 years. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: Erichson

Windbreak Cost Share:

The following are requesting payment on their district cost shared 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

Kellogg made a motion to approve the above district cost share windbreak payments. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Mower Resolution for MASWCD:

Hanson explained the Area 7 proposed resolution, Integrate Local Work Group Process Into Watershed Planning Work Areas. Discussion was held. Erichson made a motion to approve the proposed resolution and to submit to the Area. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Intern Approval:

Hanson informed the board of the candidate that was selected for the summer intern position, Mattison Hackensmith. Erichson made a motion to approve hiring Hackensmith for the 2019 summer intern position at \$9.86 per hour for up to 15 weeks. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

AgBMP:

Hanson updated the board on the AgBMP loan program. The dollars for Mower County have been used up. Discussion held on the loan program. Erichson made a motion to continue funding through the AgBMP loan program on a first come first serve basis. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Polly Glynn gave a report on County programs to include: SE MN Water Resources board resolution, the new county administrator and the busy summer road repair schedule.

NRCS Staff Report:

DeVetter gave an update on NRCS programs to include: his return back from detail to the area office, Root River culvert survey, controlled burns, EQIP, and the new WBP-Water Bank Program.

Moreno-Santos went through the annual Civil Rights check list, along with the MOU with the SWCD board.

Discussion Items:

Legislative Update:

Hanson updated the board on the legislative session.

June Board Meeting:

Hanson talked with the board about moving the June board meeting to the JC Hormel Nature Center. The We Are Water MN exhibit is on display there through June.

Supervisor Reports:

Cedar Watershed Plan:

No meeting.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be June 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., at the JC Hormel Nature Center.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____