

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on August 14, 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

Agenda:

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

Secretary Report:

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 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.  
Erichson made a motion to approve the payables report, August payroll, the treasurer reports and to transfer money as needed. Kellogg second the motion.  
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

NRCS Staff Report:

DeVetter gave an update on NRCS programs, to include: summer construction, EQIP, CRP, hiring, and farmbill tech.

Action Items:

Small Feedlot Grant Agreement:

Hanson explained the small feedlot grant agreement between Mower and Goodhue SWCD to the board. Erichson made a motion to approve the agreement with Goodhue SWCD. Peterson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

CWF Headwaters Targeted Watershed Grant (Fillmore SWCD):

Dale Queensland is requesting Targeted Watershed Root River headwaters cost share for his grassed waterway. The estimated cost of this project is \$5,200, with a cost share of 90% not to exceed \$4,680. Erichson made a motion to approve contract #HW19-03 for Dale Queensland for his grassed waterway at 90%, not to exceed \$4,680. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Rachel Nagele is requesting Targeted Watershed Root River headwaters cost share for her grassed waterway. The estimated cost of this project is \$13,800, with a cost share of 90% not to exceed \$12,420. Peterson made a motion to approve contract #HW19-04 for Rachel Nagele for her grassed waterway at 90%, not to exceed \$12,420. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Not in attendance.

Discussion Items:

Position Announcement:

Hanson updated the board with the applications that have come in for the new position.

2020 Proposed Budget:

Hanson talked about the 2020 budget and the finance committee meeting that is scheduled with the County this afternoon. The board held discussion on the budget and the finance meeting.

CREP Update and Wolf Creek:

James Fett updated the board on CREP and informed them of the declaration of Wolf Creek as a trout stream by the MN DNR.

Work Truck:

Hanson talked about the truck that was ordered early April and should be delivered soon.

Supervisor Reports:

Joint Powers Board Meeting:

Gebhardt updated the board on the JPB meeting that he attended.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be September 11, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_