

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

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

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

Supervisors Present: Jim Gebhardt
Jon Erichson
Randy Smith
Micah Peterson

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager
Jeanne Crump, Administrative Assistant
Tim Ruzek, Outreach/Wtr. Plnr.

Others Present: Brian DeVetter, NRCS District Conservationist
Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner

Agenda:

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

Secretary Report:

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2019 board meeting.
Erichson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Peterson
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:
The payables report and the treasurer reports were reviewed with the board.
Peterson made a motion to approve the payables report, July payroll, the treasurer reports and to transfer money as needed. Erichson second the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Peterson
Opposed: None

NRCS Staff Report:

DeVetter gave an update on NRCS programs to include: Prevent Plant Acres/cover crops, EQIP, staffing/hiring, new soil con tech for the Austin FO, and CRP. The board held discussion on the programs.

Action Items:

Reginal Well Sealing Grant:
Hanson talked with the board about the CWF Regional Well Sealing grant. This grant will be administered through the Wabasha SWCD office, with Mower SWCD being a subrecipient of \$5000 for well sealing. The Erichson made a motion to approve the grant agreement. The cost share will be distributed first by priority area and then by date contract received. Peterson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Peterson
Opposed: None

Cover Crop Program for Prevent Plant:

Hanson talked with the board about using unencumbered state cost share funds for cover crop cost share, as an addition to EQIP funding. The board held discussion. No motion was made.

CWF Headwaters Targeted Watershed Grant (Fillmore SWCD):

Sue Dougan Payment:

Sue Dougan is requesting payment on her CWF Root River Headwaters cost shared Forage & Biomass planting. The total payment will be \$15,810.00 (flat rate of \$300.00 per acre for 10 years for 5.27 acres).

Erichson made a motion to approve the payment of \$15,810.00 to Sue Dougan. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

Brincks Enterprise, Inc. Payment:

Brincks Enterprise, Inc. is requesting payment on their CWF Root River Headwaters cost shared Forage & Biomass planting. The total payment will be \$15,420.00 (flat rate of \$300.00 per acre for 10 years for 5.14 acres). Erichson made a motion to approve the payment of \$15,420.00 to Brincks Enterprise, Inc. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

Bart Brincks- Contract Approval

Bart Brincks is requesting cost share through the CWF Root River Headwaters grant for his grassed waterway. The total estimated cost of the project is \$5500.00, with a cost share amount of 90% not to exceed \$4950.00. Peterson made a motion to approve the CWF Root River Headwaters cost shared waterway project contract #HW19-03 for Bart Brincks at 90%, not to exceed \$4950.00. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Nothing new to report.

Discussion Items:

2020 Proposed Budget:

Hanson reviewed the 2020 proposed budget with the board.

Office Network:

Hanson talked with the board on the office network progress/plans.

Conservation Innovation Grant:

The board talked about the CIG grant that would help get implementation funding for CIP projects.

Supervisor Reports:

Supervisor Meeting:

Smith and Gebhardt gave an update on the area 7 supervisors meeting that they attended.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be August 14, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____