

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on March 13, 2019.

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

Supervisors Present: Jim Gebhardt
Randy Smith
Jim Kellogg
Micah Peterson

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

Others Present: Gary Kurer, NRCS Acting DC
Teddy Moreno-Santos, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Joe Magee and Emily Bartusek, MPCA

Agenda:

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

MPCA Report on Upper Iowa:

Joe Magee and Emily Bartusek attended the board meeting to give an update on how we partner with MPCA on assessment projects in the Upper Iowa River Watershed.

Secretary Report:

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 board meeting.
Peterson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

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

Commissioner Report:

No report.

There was a break in the board meeting to attend the CREP signing ceremony for Steve Garbisch.

The board meeting resumed.

Discussion Items:

Legislative Update:

The board discussed the Legislative Day at the Capitol.

Corn Growers Grant:

Hanson talked about the MN Corn Growers Grant for research expenditures at the Lansing site. This grant will provide up to \$30,000 each year for 3 years.

1W1P Budget Amendment:

Hanson talked with the board about the 2017 Cedar 1W1P state grant and the need to move some of the dollars from the Contingency section of the grant to the Consulting section. Kellogg made a motion to approve moving \$15,000 from Contingency to Consulting on the 2017 Cedar 1W1P grant. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Summer Intern:

Hanson talked with the board on hiring a summer intern. The cost of the intern will be approximately \$6400. The board instructed Hanson to move forward with the intern position and to update further on the funding for the intern at the April board meeting.

Vehicles:

Hanson gave an update on the process of purchasing vehicles for the office.

Supervisor Reports:

Chairman Report:

Cedar Watershed Plan:

Smith gave an update to the board on the 1W1P meeting.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

NRCS Staff Report:

Kurer and Moreno-Santos gave an update on NRCS programs to include: personnel, EQIP, CSP, and WRP, along with discussion on the Mower County local work group meeting that was set to follow the March board meeting.

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

APPROVED _____ DATE _____