

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on October 11, 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
Alex Block, Precision Ag Associate

Others Present: Brian DeVetter, NRCS District Conservationist

Agenda:

Peterson made a motion to approve the October agenda. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 board meeting.

Gebhardt 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, October payroll, the treasurer reports and to transfer money as needed. Gebhardt second the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

NRCS Staff Report:

DeVetter gave an update on NRCS programs, to include: IDP (technical training needs), landowner contract payments, fall construction, CRP and Conservation Desktop (new program for staff).

Action Items:

Well Sealing Cost Share-2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant:

Amendment:

An amendment to the contract with Wabasha has been made to add an additional \$5,000 funding to the current \$5,000 funding amount. Peterson made a motion to approve the \$5,000 amendment. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Payment:

Deloris Harber is requesting payment for her cost shared well sealing through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant. The total cost of her well sealing was \$2,300 and the cost share payment is \$1,000, 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1000.00. Peterson made a motion to approve the cost share payment of \$1,000 to Deloris Harber. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Contract Approvals-Funding Available:

The following are requesting well sealing cost share through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant:

	Priority Area	LAST	FIRST	TWP	SECT	Cost Estimate
#4	X	Potach	Kurt	Austin	12	\$ 2,500
#5	X	Barth	Daryl	Austin	8	\$ 1,400

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract #4-19 for Kurt Potach and contract #5-19 for Daryl Barth at 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1000.00. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Contract Approvals-Funding Pending Wabasha Board Amendment Approval:

The following are requesting well sealing cost share through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant:

	Priority Area	LAST	FIRST	TWP	SECT	Cost Estimate
#6	X	Huffman	Ronald	Austin	9	\$ 1,400
#7	X	Classon	Donna	Lansing	2	\$ 2,000
#8	X	Hegedus	Jody	Lansing	36	\$ 2,500

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract #6-19 for Ronald Huffman, contract #7-19 for Donna Classon and contract #8-19 for Jody Hegedus at 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1000.00. This motion is contingent on Wabasha SWCD board approval of the Amendment for additional \$5,000 funding. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

MASWCD Resolutions:

The board held discussion and voted on each of the 18 statewide resolutions.

Kellogg left the meeting.

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Not in attendance of the board meeting.

Discussion Items:

Pheasant Hunting Opener Event:

Hanson updated the board on the Governor Pheasant Hunting Opener taking place Saturday, October 12.

Supervisor Reports:

Gebhardt updated on the annual Area 7 MASWCD meeting.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be November 13, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____