

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on September 11, 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  
Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner

Agenda:

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

Answer Acre Update, Steve Lawler:

Lawler attended the board meeting to inform the board on the Sustainable Answer Acre grant.

Secretary Report:

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 board meeting.  
Erichson 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. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the payables report, September payroll, the treasurer reports and to transfer money as needed. Erichson second the motion.  
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

NRCS Staff Report:

DeVetter gave an update on NRCS programs, to include: fall construction, yearend contract/project numbers, progress information, EQIP, and soil con tech position.

Action Items:

Precision Ag Associate:

Hanson informed the board of the 3 interviews that took place on the Precision Ag position. Out of the 3, Hanson would like to offer the position to Alex Block. The board held discussion. Peterson made a motion to approve hiring Alex Block for the Precision Ag position contingent on Block signing the current offer, with addition of the bullet on benefits. Kellogg seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

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

Deloris Harber is requesting well sealing cost share through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant. The estimate for her well sealing is \$1400.00. Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract #WS1-19 for Deloris Harber at 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1000.00. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

John and Nancy Donahue are requesting well sealing cost share through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant. The estimate for their well sealing is \$1400.00. Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract #WS2-19 for John and Nancy Donahue at 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1000.00. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Curtis Anderson is requesting well sealing cost share through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant. The estimate for his well sealing is \$2035.00. Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract #WS3-19 for Curtis Anderson at 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1000.00. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave an update on county programs to include: budget meetings, SWCD 2020 appropriation increase, proposed 2020 levy/budget, 2020 projects, and filling positions in the county.

Discussion Items:

Cedar 1W1P:

Hanson updated the board on the Cedar 1W1P and the next steps.

Fall Events:

Hanson updated the board on fall events through/with the District.

Supervisor Reports:

County Finance:

Item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be October 9, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

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