

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

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

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

Supervisors Present: 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, County Commissioner  
Dale Krystosek, BWSR  
Dave Copeland, BWSR

Agenda:

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

Secretary Report:

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2019 board meeting.  
Kellogg seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, 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, November payroll, the treasurer reports and to transfer money as needed. Gebhardt second the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

NRCS Staff Report:

DeVetter gave an update on NRCS programs, to include: EQIP, outreach for mortality facilities, 1026's, CRP, and CSP.

Performance Review and Assist Program (PRAP):

Krystosek explained the PRAP for Mower County. Discussion held.

Action Items:

Well Sealing Cost Share:

Additional Funding:

Ruzek talked about additional funding available for well sealing cost share.

**Payment:**

Nancy Donahue 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 \$1,525.00, and the cost share payment is \$762.50, 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Erichson made a motion to approve the cost share payment of \$762.50 to Nancy Donahue. Peterson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

Ronald Huffman is requesting payment for his cost shared well sealing through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant. The total cost of his well sealing was \$1,802.50, and the cost share payment is \$901.25, 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Erichson made a motion to approve the cost share payment of \$901.25 to Ronald Huffman. Peterson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

**Contract 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
X	<b>Sutter</b>	Denise	Lyle	27	\$ 1,725.00
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X	<b>Greenman</b>	Steve	Austin	9	\$ 2,500.00

Erichson made a motion to approve the above well sealing cost share contracts for Denise Sutter and Steve Greenman at 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Peterson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

**Headwaters Cost Share:**

The Ruth A Brincks Revocable Trust is requesting payment for their grassed waterway, funded through the 2016 Targeted Watershed-Headwaters grant. Kellogg made a motion to approve the cost share payment to the Ruth A Brincks Revocable Trust for their grassed waterway in the amount of \$3,825.00, 90% of the total cost of \$4,250.00. Peterson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

**State Cost Share:**

Tim Freerksen is requesting payment for his state cost shared grassed waterway. Kellogg made a motion to approve the state cost share payment for Tim Freerksen’s waterway project. The total cost of the project was \$8,536.50 and the cost share payment at 50% is \$4,268.25. Peterson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson  
Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Polly Glynn updated the board on County programs, to include: snow removal, tax abatement, and 2020 levy.

Discussion Items:

USDA Application with Cedar Rapids:

Hanson informed the board about the Cedar Rapids USDA application.

One Watershed Plan Updates:

Hanson talked about the 1W1P for the Cedar and the meeting he will attend today. Hanson, Dave Copeland and Adam King (Dodge SWCD Manager) will be presenting the Cedar Plan to the BWSR regional committee. He also explained upcoming funding for the Root River and the Cedar Plan areas.

Water Storage and MASWCD:

Hanson informed the board on the committee that was activated by MASWCD to steer the statewide role for SWCD's and water storage.

Leadership Course at the MASWCD Convention:

Hanson talked about the leadership course that is being offered on the Sunday before the convention.

Supervisor Reports:

No additional items were discussed.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

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

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