

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on April 13, 2022. Held at the SWCD office and remotely via Zoom video.

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

Supervisors Present: Randy Smith Jon Erichson
 Jim Kellogg Micah Peterson
 Rod Moe

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

Others Present: Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner
 Dave Copeland, BWSR
 Gary Kurer, NRCS

Agenda:

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

Secretary Report:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022, board meeting.
Peterson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2022, special board meeting. Erichson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Budget Report & Checks Payable:

The treasurers and payables reports were reviewed with the board. Peterson made a motion to approve the treasurers and payables reports, April payroll and to transfer money as needed. Kellogg second the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

NRCS Report, Gary Kurer:

Kurer not in attendance.

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn updated the board on Mower County programs, to include: interviews for 2 new positions, cost increases for projects, and redistricting approval. Discussion was held on zoning items.

NMI Contract Review:

Hanson and Lawler explained the Nutrient Management Initiative. The cover crop trial program pays \$1000/year for landowners that are involved. The board held discussion.

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Copeland updated the board on BWSR programs, to include: March training, pilot grants and new staffing.

Action Items:

Interim Manager:

Smith made a motion to assign Steve Lawler as interim district manager in the event that a new manager is not hired by May 9, 22. Lawler will receive an additional \$3.00/hour for his time as interim starting May 9. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Assign Grant Sign-Off:

Kellogg made a motion to approve Lawler as interim representative for office signoff if a manager is not hired by May 9, 22. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Cost Share:

The following are requesting cost share assistance:

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Cost Share Payment
SWCD	CONTRACT	Matt Schmitz	Marshall 21	Windbreak	Not to exceed \$500	\$1,086.00	\$500.00
SWCD	CONTRACT	Chad Kiefer	Adams 5	Windbreak	Not to exceed \$500	\$1,330.00	\$500.00
SWCD	CONTRACT	Matt Heimer	Lodi 3	Windbreak	50%	\$469.50	\$234.75
SWCD	CONTRACT	Daryl Decker	Sargeant 13	Windbreak	50%	\$474.75	\$237.37
SWCD	CONTRACT	Mike Souhrada	Bennington 36	Windbreak	Not to exceed \$500	\$1,784.10	\$500.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Pam Branham	Lansing 10	Well Sealing	50%	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Gary Hanson	Lansing 6	Well Sealing	50%	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00

Windbreak Cost Share:

Peterson made a motion to approve the 5 windbreak SWCD cost share contracts at 50% not to exceed \$500.00. Kellogg seconded the motion

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Cedar Wapsi 1W1P:

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Pam Branham at \$1,000.00, 50% of the total cost estimate of \$2,000.00 not to exceed \$1,000.00. Funding for this project will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Gary Hanson at \$1,000.00, 50% of the total cost estimate of \$2,000.00 not to exceed \$1,000.00. Funding for this project will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Moe entered the board meeting.

NRCS Cooperative Agreement:

Hanson explained the yearly cooperative agreement between NRCS and the SWCD. Erichson made a motion to approve the 2022 cooperative agreement between NRCS and Mower SWCD. Peterson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe
Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

Transition Update:

Hanson and the board discussed the transition for the office from Hanson to the new manager.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

Area 7 Resolutions Meeting:

Smith talked about the area 7 resolutions meeting that will be held June 28th.

The board said goodbye and good luck to Hanson, as it was his last board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Smith reconvened the board meeting for discussion regarding board concern for proposed legislation for firearm use during deer hunting.

Erichson made a motion for Hanson to draft a memo informing legislators of the board's concerns regarding the firearm use during deer hunting. The board will approve the memo before it is sent out to the legislators. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____