

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on June 8, 2022. Held at the Mower SWCD office and remotely via Zoom video.

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

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

Staff Present: Cody Fox, District Manager
 Jeanne Crump, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Jessica Beske, NRCS

Agenda:

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

Secretary Report:

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022, board meeting.
Kellogg seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Budget Report & Checks Payable:

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

NRCS Report, Jessica Beske:

Beske updated the board on NRCS, to include: staffing, CSP, and EQIP.

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Not in attendance.

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Copeland updated the board on BWSR, to include: capacity funding and it's history, the workplan for the new Cedar Wapsi 1W1P grant, and BWSR Academy.

Action Items:

Signoff on Bank Signature Cards:

Peterson made a motion to approve adding Fox to the signature cards for the US Bank checking account and the First State Bank Minnesota savings account.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

NRCS Cooperative Agreement:

Peterson made a motion to approve the NRCS Cooperative Agreement. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Cost Share:

Nutrient Management Initiative-NMI:

Lawler explained the NMI incentive program to the board. Discussion was held on the program. The following are requesting incentives for their cover crop fields.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	1st Year Implementation Pmt.	Years	Total L/O incentive per year	Total L/O Incentive Payment	Date	Additional Agronomis t Pmt./3 year	Total Grant Cost
Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Tom Cotter	Austin 7	Cover Crop	\$500.00	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	6/8/2022	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Jim Kellogg	Clayton 28	Cover Crop	\$500.00	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	6/8/2022	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Clint Hertle	Waltham 5	Cover Crop	\$500.00	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	6/8/2022	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Brian May	Nevada 12	Cover Crop	\$500.00	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	6/8/2022	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Paul Heers	Oakland 26	Cover Crop	\$500.00	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	6/8/2022	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Scott Lightly	Oakland 11 & 12	Cover Crop	\$500.00	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	6/8/2022	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00

Peterson made a motion to approve the above cover crop contracts for Cotter, Kellogg, Hertle, May, Heers and Lightly. Each contract includes, for the landowner, a 3-year incentive of \$1000/year and a \$500 incentive for the first year for cover crop implementation, a total of \$3500. Along with an agronomist payment (if needed) of \$500/year. Funding will come from the NMI grant. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Abstained: Kellogg

SWCD Windbreak Cost Share:

The following are requesting cost share payments for their SWCD cost shared windbreaks.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Quant ity	Total Estimate/ Cost	Total Cost Share Payment	Date	L/O Cost
SWCD	PAYMENT	Matt Schmitz	Marshall 21	Windbreak	Not to exceed \$500		\$1,086.00	\$500.00	6/8/2022	\$586.00
SWCD	PAYMENT	Matt Heimer	Lodi 3	Windbreak	50%		\$469.50	\$234.75	6/8/2022	\$234.75

Kellogg made the motion to approve the windbreak payments for Schmitz and Heimer at 50% not to exceed \$500. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

NRBG Well Sealing:

The following is requesting cost share for there well sealing project.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Quant ity	Total Estimate/ Cost	Total Cost Share Payment	Date	L/O Cost
NRBG	PAYMENT	Marvin Gehling	Grand Meadow 14	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$2,620.00	\$1,000.00	6/8/2022	\$1,620.00
NRBG	CONTRACT	Jim Churchill	Clayton 3	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$2,250.00	\$1,000.00	6/8/2022	\$1,250.00
NRBG	CONTRACT	Natalie Carroll	Red Rock 13	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	6/8/2022	\$1,000.00
NRBG	CONTRACT	Morris Klause	Lansing 8	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000	2 wells	\$3,900.00	\$1,950.00	6/8/2022	\$1,950.00
NRBG	CONTRACT	Jim Bastyr	Austin 17	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$1,950.00	\$975.00	6/8/2022	\$975.00

Peterson made a motion to approve the NRBG well sealing cost share payment for Marvin Gehling of \$1000, 50%, not to exceed \$1000.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the NRBG well sealing cost share contract for Jim Churchill at 50%, not to exceed \$1000. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the NRBG well sealing cost share contract for Natalie Carroll at 50%, not to exceed \$1000. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the NRBG well sealing cost share contract for two wells for Morris Klause at 50%, not to exceed \$1000 per well. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the NRBG well sealing cost share contract for Jim Bastyr at 50%, not to exceed \$1000. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P cost share:

The following are requesting payment approval for their projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Quant ity	Total Estimate/ Cost	Total Cost Share Payment	Date	L/O Cost
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Robert Walerak	Windom 24	Well Sealing	50%		\$1,950.00	\$975.00	6/8/2022	\$975.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Roger Jax	Nevada 25	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$5,715.00	\$1,000.00	6/8/2022	\$4,715.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Gary Hanson	Lansing 6	Well Sealing	50%		\$1,770.00	\$885.00	6/8/2022	\$885.00

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing payment of \$975.00 for Robert Walerak, 50% of the total cost of \$1,950.00. Funding for this project will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the well sealing payment of \$1,000.00 for Roger Jax, 50% of the total cost of \$5,715.00 not to exceed \$1,000.00. Funding for this project will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing of \$885.00, 50% of the total cost of \$1,770.00. Funding for this project will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P Sub-Agreement Signoff:

Erichson made a motion to sign the sub-agreement with Fillmore SWCD for the Root River 1W1P grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

Summit Ag Ordinance Issue:

Fox explained the soil erosion issue that he has been dealing with. The board held discussion.

Tree Report:

Crump talked about the 2022 Tree Report and the 2022 tree program. The trees have been ordered for 2023. Discussion was held, with suggestions to order additional trees and to advertise more.

Area Resolution Deadline:

Smith talked about the area resolution meeting on June 28th.

MASWCD Leadership:

Fox and the board held discussion on the upcoming MASWCD leadership training.

Team 19 Meeting:

Discussion held on upcoming meeting.

Position Description:

Fox updated on the progress of the new position.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

No additional.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____