

## Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on May 11, 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 (Zoom)

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

Others Present: Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner  
Jessica Beske, NRCS

### Agenda:

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

### Secretary Report:

Erichson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022, board meeting.  
Peterson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson  
Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022, board meeting.  
Peterson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson  
Opposed: None

### Treasurer Report:

#### Budget Report & Checks Payable:

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

### NRCS Report, Gary Kurer:

Kurer not in attendance.

### Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave a report on the County, to include: the tornado damage in Taopi and the cleanup that has taken place, tax abatements, and misc. County.

### BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Copeland not in attendance.

Action Items:

Manager Sign-off Authority:

Erichson made a motion to authorize the District Manager to sign finance reports and grant applications/agreements on behalf of the board. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

Cost Share:

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	Total Estimate/ Cost	Cost Share Payment
SWCD	PAYMENT	Chad Kiefer	Adams 5	Windbreak	50% not to exceed \$500	\$1,330.00	\$500.00
SWCD	PAYMENT	Daryl Decker	Sargeant 13	Windbreak	50%	\$474.75	\$237.37
SWCD	PAYMENT	Mike Souhrada	Bennington 36	Windbreak	50% not to exceed \$500	\$1,784.10	\$500.00

Erichson made the motion to approve the windbreak payments for Chad Kiefer, Daryl Decker and Mike Souhrada at 50% not to exceed \$500.

Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

NRBG Well Sealing:

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

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost	Cost Share Payment
NRBG	CONTRACT	Marvin Gehling	Grand Meadow 14	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00

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

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P cost share:

The following are requesting payment/contract approval for their projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost	Cost Share Payment
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Pam Branham	Lansing 10	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000	\$2,415.00	\$1,000.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Kimberly Waller	Lansing 5	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000	\$2,200.00	\$1,000.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Clarice Seavey	Lansing 26	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000	\$2,250.00	\$1,000.00

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing payment for Pam Branham at \$1,000.00, 50% of the total cost of \$2,415.00 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, Peterson

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Kimberly Waller at \$1,000.00, 50% of the total cost estimate of \$2,200.00 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, Peterson

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Clarise Seavey at \$1,000.00, 50% of the total cost estimate of \$2,250.00 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, Peterson

Opposed: None

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate		Total Estimate/ Cost	Cost Share Payment	Date	Other Funding	L/O Cost
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Brian Bustad	Austin 23	Waterway	75%	Redo	\$10,530.00	\$2,897.50	5/11/2022	\$5,000.00	\$2,632.50
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Lowell Johnson	Waltham 27	WASCOB	90%	New	\$41,128.00	\$14,852.20	5/11/2022	\$22,163.00	\$4,112.80

Erichson made a motion to approve the waterway contract for Brian Bustad at \$2,897.50. The total cost share, including other funding, is 75% of the total cost estimate of \$10,530.00. Funding for the \$2,897.50 of this project will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the WASCOB contract for Lowell Johnson at \$14,852.20. The total cost share, including other funding, is 90% of the total cost estimate of \$41,128.00. Funding for the \$14,852.20 of this project will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

**State Cost Share:**

The following are requesting funding from State Cost Share for their projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost	Cost Share Payment	Date	Other Funding	L/O Cost
State Cost Share	CONTRACT	VS Farms	Sargeant 5	WASCOB	75%	\$35,180.00	\$6,166.00	5/11/2022	\$20,219.00	\$8,795.00
State Cost Share	CONTRACT	Glenn Hahn	Sargeant 4	Waterway	75%	\$2,321.00	\$1,740.75	5/11/2022		\$580.25

Erichson made a motion to approve the WASCOB contract for VS Farms at \$6,166.00. The total cost share, including other funding, is 75% of the total cost estimate of \$35,180.00. Funding for the \$6,166.00 of this project will come from the State Cost Share grant. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the waterway contract for Glenn Hahn at \$1,740.75. The total cost share is 75% of the total cost estimate of \$2,321.00. Funding for this project will come from the State Cost Share grant. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Peterson

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

Erosion Control Ordinance:

Fox updated the board on a recent soil erosion complaint that was received in the office.

New Position:

Fox discussed with the board adding another employee to the office. The board talked about the office transition and how it will affect the CRWD. Erichson will attend the May CRWD board meeting to discuss this with their board.

SE JPB & 1W1P Disbursal Agreement:

Fox explained the new SE JPB agreement. The board held discussion.

NRCS, Jessica Beske:

Beske joined the meeting to talk about NRCS programs, to include EQIP.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

Smith talked about the June 28, 2022, area 7 resolutions meeting.

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

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