

## Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on November 9, 2022. Held at the Mower SWCD office.

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

Supervisors Present: Randy Smith                      Jon Erichson  
   Jim Kellogg                      Rod Moe

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

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

### Agenda:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the November agenda. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

### Secretary Report:

Moe made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2022, board meeting.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

### Treasurer Report:

#### Budget Report & Checks Payable:

The budget report, program summary and the November payables report were reviewed with the board. Kellogg made a motion to approve the budget and payables reports, November payroll, and to transfer money as needed. Moe second the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

### NRCS Report, Jessica Beske:

Beske updated the board on NRCS, to include: Courtney Cheever, the state resource conservationist has started working in the Austin office, other staffing, EQIP, along with the work detail that she will be starting in December.

### BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Not in attendance.

### Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn updated the board on Mower County, to include; November elections, City of Taopi area assessments and miscellaneous county.

Action Items:

Cost Share:

Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P cost share:

The following are requesting payment for their Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P cost shared projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share Payment	Date	Other Funding	L/O Cost
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Jerald Sprau	Clayton 30	WASCOB	75%	\$16,874.00	\$12,655.50	11/9/2022		\$4,218.50
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Kimberly Waller	Lansing 5	Well Sealing	50%	\$1,650.00	\$825.00	11/9/2022		\$825.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Lowell Johnson	Walham 27	WASCOB	90%	\$36,083.50	\$12,488.15	11/9/2022	\$19,987.00	\$3,608.35
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Pat Donovan	Windom	Grade Stabilization		\$71,724.80	\$53,793.60	11/9/2022	\$17,931.20	

Kellogg made a motion to approve the above cost share payments for Jerald Sprau, Kimberly Waller, Lowell Johnson and Pat Donovan.

Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

County NRBG Funds:

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share Payment	Date	Other Funding	L/O Cost
County NRBG Funds	PAYMENT	Natalie Carroll	Red Rock 13	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	11/9/2022		\$1,500.00

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share payment for Natalie Carroll. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Abstained: Smith

State Cost Share:

The following is requesting payment for his State Cost shared WASCOB project.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share Payment	Date	Other Funding	L/O Cost
State Cost Share	PAYMENT	VS Farms	Sargeant 5	WASCOB	74%	\$35,594.50	\$6,072.00	11/9/2022	\$20,313.00	\$9,209.50

Kellogg made a motion to approve the cost share payment for VS Farms. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Cost share contract amendments will be brought to the board in December.

2021 Audit:

The board discussed the 2021 financial audit. Kellogg made a motion to approve the 2021 financial audit completed by Peterson Company. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

2023 Cedar River WD Agreement:

The board discussed the Cedar River WD agreement. The board will approve the agreement at the December board meeting.

MASWCD Convention Check In:

The board discussed who would be attending the MASWCD convention in December.

Other Groups:

Fox talked with the board about the district funding employee annual memberships with groups not directly connected to the office. The board agreed not to fund such memberships.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

No additional reports.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

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