

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on October 12, 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
 Jim Kellogg Micah Peterson
 Rod Moe

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

Others Present: Jessica Beske, NRCS
 Dave Copeland, BWSR
 Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner-Zoom

Agenda:

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

Secretary Report:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022, board meeting. Erichson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Budget Report & Checks Payable:

The budget report, program summary and the October payables report were reviewed with the board. Discussion was held on ARPA funding. Kellogg made a motion to approve the budget and payables reports, October payroll, and to transfer money as needed. Peterson second the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe
Opposed: None

NRCS Report, Jessica Beske:

Beske updated the board on NRCS, to include: the state resource conservationist employee that will be starting the end of October, the new EQIP practice, and other staffing in the SE.

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Copeland updated the board on BWSR, to include: working on new grant work plans with Fox and Crump, the new E-link platform, and BWSR academy.

Action Items:

Cost Share:

Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P cost share:

The following are requesting payment for their waterway 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	Brian Bustad	Austin 23	Waterway	75%	\$10,350.00	\$2,762.50	10/12/2022	\$5,000.00	\$2,587.50
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Gene Tapp	Red Rock 13	Waterway		\$17,081.80	\$2,052.35	10/12/2022	\$10,759.00	\$4,270.45

Peterson made a motion to approve the waterway cost share payment for Brian Bustad at \$2,762.50. The total cost share with other funding is 75% of the total cost of \$10,350.00. Funding for the SWCD portion, \$2,762.50, will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the waterway cost share payment for Gene Tapp at \$2,052.35. The total cost share with other funding is 75% of the total cost of \$17,081.80. Funding for the SWCD portion, \$2,052.35, will come from the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P:

The following is requesting payment for his waterway 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
Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Mark Carman	Bennington 5	Waterway	75%	\$10,175.50	\$7,037.25	10/12/2022		\$3,138.25

Kellogg made a motion to approve the waterway cost share payment for Mark Carman at \$7,037.25. The total cost share is 75% of the total cost of \$10,175.50. Funding for the cost share will come from the Root River 1W1P grant. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

State Cost Share:

The following is requesting payment for her waterway project.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share Payment	Date	Other Funding	L/O Cost
State Cost Share	PAYMENT	Cheryl Haack	Racine 12	Waterway	\$15,961.00	\$4,522.75	10/12/2022	\$7,312.00	\$4,126.25

Peterson made a motion to approve the payment for Cheryl Haack's waterway project at \$4,522.75. The total cost share, including other funding, is 75% of the total cost of \$15,961.00. Funding for the \$4,522.75 of this project will come from the FY21 & FY22 state cost share grants.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Nutrient Management Initiative-NMI:

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 Agronomist Pmt./3 yrs.	Total Grant Cost
Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Branden Tapp	Dexter 18	Cover Crop	500	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	10/12/2022	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Eric Heins-Hoosier	Wabasha Cty., Wabasha 28	Cover Crop	500	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	10/12/2022	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00

Moe made a motion to approve the cover crop contract for Branden Tapp. This 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. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the cover crop contract for Eric Heins-Hoosier Ridge Ranch. This 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. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

SWCD Resolutions:

The board went through the state resolutions and voted on each of the 14 items. Peterson made a motion to approve sending the ballot sheet to the state. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

Cost Share Changes:

Crump and Fox explained the change that was made in funding sources for a Drinking Water Protection invoice from 12/31/2022. See detail below.

Drinking Water Protection-Fillmore SWCD - Original Invoice			Invoice split between the following 4 grants	
Original 12/31/2021 Invoice- One grant	Staffing	\$1,370.38	Drinking Wtr Protection-Fillmore - The Original Invoice Edited	\$1,370.38
	Cover Crop Incentives	\$5,400.00	Cedar Wapsi Impl Grant	\$5,400.00
	Well Sealing Cost Share	\$1,902.50	NRBG Well Sealing Funds	\$1,902.50
	Well Sealing Cost Share	\$3,605.00	Root 1W1P Project Grant-Fillmore	\$3,605.00
Total Original Invoice #8394-		\$12,277.88	Total of the 4 Grants	\$12,277.88

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

Smith talked about the MASWCD meeting that he attended, to include outreach staffing and an increase in 2023 dues.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____