

## Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on June 13, 2023. 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                      Rod Moe

Staff Present:                      Cody Fox, District Manager  
   Jeanne Crump, Office Manager

Others Present:                      Dave Copeland, BWSR (Zoom)  
   Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner (Zoom)

### Agenda:

Resolution was added to the Action Items. Kellogg made a motion to approve the June agenda with addition. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

### Secretary Report:

A correction was made to the May minutes under Agenda. Kellogg made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023, board meeting with the correction. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Erichson entered the meeting.

### Treasurer Report:

#### Budget Reports/Checks Payable:

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

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

### BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Copeland gave an update on BWSR programs, to include: the legislative summary and new funding opportunities.

### NRCS Report, Leanna Smeby:

Not in attendance.

### Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave an update on Mower County programs.

Action Items:

Cost Share:

ARPA Funding:

The following is requesting payment on his well sealing project:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Seeding	Year	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date	L/O Cost
ARPA-23-02	ARPA Funding	PAYMENT	Larry Thomas	Lansing 23	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	6/13/2023	\$1,000.00

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share payment of \$1000 to Larry Thomas, 50% of the total cost of \$2000. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Cedar Wapsi 1W1P:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Seeding	Year	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date
CW20-23-03	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CANCEL	Lowell Johnson	Waltham 27	Waterway/WASCOB			\$17,708.00	\$9,370.20	6/13/2023

Erichson made a motion to cancel Lowell Johnson's contract #CW20-23-03 approved at the April board meeting. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

SWCD Windbreak Cost Share:

The following are requesting payment for their cost shared windbreak projects:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Seeding	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date	L/O Cost
WB-23-01	SWCD	PAYMENT	Brendan Emberson	Udolpho 12	Windbreak	50% not to exceed \$500	\$1,240.56	\$500.00	6/13/2023	\$740.56
WB-23-02	SWCD	PAYMENT	Jim Bruggeman	Udolpho 27	Windbreak	50% not to exceed \$500	\$3,292.35	\$500.00	6/13/2023	\$2,792.35
WB-23-03	SWCD	PAYMENT	John Ryther	Lansing 22	Windbreak	50% not to exceed \$500	\$316.07	\$158.00	6/13/2023	\$158.07
WB-23-04	SWCD	PAYMENT	John Scott	Sargeant 5	Windbreak	50% not to exceed \$500	\$2,292.56	\$500.00	6/13/2023	\$1,792.56
WB-23-05	SWCD	PAYMENT	Tom Baker	Sargeant 28	Windbreak	50% not to exceed \$500	\$253.29	\$126.65	6/13/2023	\$126.64
WB-23-06	SWCD	PAYMENT	Ed Smith	Adams 6	Windbreak	50% not to exceed \$500	\$4,115.43	\$500.00	6/13/2023	\$3,615.43

Erichson made a motion to approve the above 6 payments for SWCD funded windbreaks. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Nutrient Management Initiative-NMI:

The contract payment for Dan Warner was tabled until June.

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Seeding	Year	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date
NMI-22-10	Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- N	PAYMENT	Dan Warner	Steele Cty-Owatonna 35	Cover Crops	\$500.00	1st	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	6/13/2023

Erichson made a motion to approve the payment for Dan Warner for his 1<sup>st</sup> year cover crop incentive of \$1000 along with the 1<sup>st</sup> year establishment of \$500. Funding for this payment comes from the NMI grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Orchard Creek- DNR Contract:

Ruzek entered the board meeting to discuss the DNR contract for the Orchard Creek access. The board held discussion. Erichson made a motion to approve the DNR contract. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Position Announcement:

Fox talked with the board about the District Technician position announcement. The board held discussion. Kellogg made a motion to approve the announcement for the new District Technician position. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

MASWCD Leadership:

The board discussed sending Bulman to the new leadership program. Erichson made a motion to approve signing Bulman up for the 2024 leadership program. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Resolution:

Fox informed the board of the proposed resolution. The board held discussion. Kellogg made a motion to support the resolution and forward it on to area 7. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

Solar Development- Timberwolf Solar:

Fox gave an update on the solar development.

IT Security:

Fox talked about the IT security options that are being looked at.

Session Updates/ Highlights:

Fox talked with the board on legislative session highlights.

Project Signage:

Fox informed the board of the signage that staff is working on to display near projects completed in the county.

LCCMR CRP Incentives:

Fox explained the CRP Incentives available through the LCCMR grant that BWSR received.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

Nothing new.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.

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