

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on November 8, 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 Jim Kellogg
 Rod Moe Jay Soltau

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

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

Agenda:

Moe made a motion to approve the November agenda. Kellogg seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Moe made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023, board meeting.
Kellogg seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Budget Reports/Checks Payable:

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

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Not in attendance.

NRCS Report, Leanna Smeby:

Not in attendance.

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn informed the board of the broadband grant for underserved internet areas in the county.

Action Items:

Cost Share:

ARPA Funding:

The following are requesting payment for their cover crop incentives through the ARPA funding:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Years	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date
ARPA-23-06	ARPA Funding	PAYMENT	Terry Jones	Frankford 19	Cover Crops	125 ac @40/ac	1st	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	11/8/2023
ARPA-23-09	ARPA Funding	PAYMENT	Daryle Irlbeck	Racine 3	Cover Crops	113 ac @40	1st	\$4,520.00	\$4,520.00	11/8/2023
ARPA-23-10	ARPA Funding	PAYMENT	Marc Irlbeck	Racine 3	Cover Crops	125 ac @40	1st	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	11/8/2023

Soltau made a motion to approve the above 1st year cover crop incentive payments for Terry Jones, Daryle Irlbeck and Marc Irlbeck. Funding for these incentives will come from the ARPA grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Cedar Wapsi 1WIP:

The following are requesting payment for their well sealing projects through the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1WIP Grant:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Years	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date	L/O Cost
CW20-23-08	Cedar-Wapsi 1WIP	PAYMENT	Mark Hansen	Lyle 3	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$1,850.00	\$925.00	11/8/2023	\$925.00
CW20-23-13	Cedar-Wapsi 1WIP	PAYMENT	Leland Aanonson		Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$2,430.00	\$1,000.00	11/8/2023	\$1,430.00

Kellogg made a motion to approve the above well sealing cost share payments for Mark Hansen and Leland Aanonson at 50% not to exceed \$1000.00. Funding will come from the FY2021 Cedar Wapsipinicon 1WIP Grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Root River 1WIP:

The following is requesting his first year cover crop payment through the Root River 1WIP grant:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Years	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date
RR22/23-23-02	Root River 1WIP	PAYMENT	Terry Jones	Frankford 14 & 15	Cover Crops	125 ac @40/ac	1st	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	11/8/2023

Soltau made a motion to approve the above 1st year cover crop payment for Terry Jones. Funding will come from the FY22/23 Root River 1WIP Grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Root River CRP Incentives:

The following are requesting incentives/payments for their prairie strips through the Root River CRP Incentive grant.

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Years	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date
RR-CRP-23-02	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	Mark Teragawa	Pleasant Valley 16	Prairie Strip Incentive	1.55 ac @80	11	\$124.00	\$1,364.00	11/8/2023
RR-CRP-23-03	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	David Severson- T138	Pleasant Valley 9	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.02 ac @80	10	\$161.60	\$1,616.00	11/8/2023
RR-CRP-23-04	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	David Severson- T139	Pleasant Valley 9	Prairie Strip Incentive	11.73 ac @80	10	\$938.40	\$9,384.00	11/8/2023
RR-CRP-23-05	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	Francis Severson- T7087	Pleasant Valley 20	Prairie Strip Incentive	1.91 ac @80	10	\$152.80	\$1,528.00	11/8/2023
RR-CRP-23-06	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	Francis Severson- T6628	Pleasant Valley 16	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.76 ac @80	10	\$220.80	\$2,208.00	11/8/2023
RR-CRP-23-07	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	Francis Severson- T5107	Pleasant Valley 10	Prairie Strip Incentive	7.09 ac @30	10	\$212.70	\$2,127.00	11/8/2023
RR-CRP-23-08	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	Francis Severson- T7053	Pleasant Valley 9	Prairie Strip Incentive	7.28 ac @80	10	\$582.40	\$5,824.00	11/8/2023
RR-CRP-23-09	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	Francis Severson- T135	Pleasant Valley 8	Prairie Strip Incentive	7.98 ac @30	10	\$239.40	\$2,394.00	11/8/2023
RR-CRP-23-10	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	Francis Severson- T7086	Sargeant 15	Prairie Strip Incentive	8.57 ac @30	10	\$257.10	\$2,571.00	11/8/2023

Kellogg made a motion to approve the above prairie strip incentive contracts and payments for Mark Teragawa, David Severson and Francis Severson. Funding for the prairie strip incentives will come from the Root River CRP Incentives grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Soil Health Cost Share:

The following is requesting cost share incentives through the 2023 Soil Health grant:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Years	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date
SH-23-01	Soil Health Cost Share	PAYMENT	Terry Jones	Frankford 35	Cover Crops	118 ac @40/ac	1st	\$4,720.00	\$4,720.00	11/8/2023

Soltau made a motion to approve the above 1st year cover crop payment for Terry Jones. Funding will come from the FY23 Soil Health Grant.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

The Nature Conservancy:

The following are requesting incentives for their prairie strips through The Nature Conservancy:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Years	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date
TNC-23-01	The Nature Conservancy	CONT./PMT	Carol Bergeson	Racine 7	Prairie Strip Incentive	13.01 ac @80	15	\$1,040.80	\$15,612.00	11/8/2023
TNC-23-02	The Nature Conservancy	CONT./PMT	Dale Queensland	Racine 6	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.22 ac @80	15	\$177.60	\$2,664.00	11/8/2023
TNC-23-03	The Nature Conservancy	CONT./PMT	Francis Severson- T5107	Pleasant Valley 10	Prairie Strip Incentive	7.09 ac @50	10	\$354.50	\$3,545.00	11/8/2023
TNC-23-04	The Nature Conservancy	CONT./PMT	Francis Severson- T135	Pleasant Valley 8	Prairie Strip Incentive	7.98 ac @50	10	\$399.00	\$3,990.00	11/8/2023
TNC-23-05	The Nature Conservancy	CONT./PMT	Francis Severson- T7086	Sargeant 15	Prairie Strip Incentive	8.57 ac @50	10	\$428.50	\$4,285.00	11/8/2023

Moe made a motion to approve the above prairie strip incentive contracts and payments for Carol Bergeson, Dale Queensland and Francis Severson. Funding will come from The Nature Conservancy grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

MASWCD Resolutions:

The board went through and scored the 19 resolutions presented by MASWCD.

Discussion Items:

Prairie Strips:

Bulman gave an update on the prairie strip program.

Carbon Intensity:

Fox explained the carbon intensity-CI Certification to the board. Discussion was held.

Soil Health Updates:

Fox gave an update on soil health.

Updated Job Descriptions:

Fox explained to the board that, due to changes in job duties, he will be having job descriptions reviewed/updated with DDA Human Resources Inc, the company that set up the current wage scale.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

The board discussed the MASWCD annual convention.

Meeting was adjourned. The next regular monthly board meeting will be held Friday, December 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____