

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on October 11, 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)
 Dave Copeland, BWSR
 Scott Felton, Mower County Auditor

Agenda:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the October agenda. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Oath of Office:

Felton led the oath of office for Soltau.

Secretary Report:

Moe made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 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, October payroll, and to transfer money as needed. Moe second the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Copeland talked with the board about BWSR staffing and miscellaneous grant info, to include the use of DocuSign for grant agreements.

NRCS Report, Leanna Smeby:

Not in attendance.

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn updated the board on the commissioner's meeting October 10th, bridge inspections and repairs, along with septic systems in the county.

Action Items:

Amendments:

The following amendments were requested:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate		AMENDED TYPE (AMOUNT/ DATE)	AMENDED COST SHARE/NEW DATE	AMENDMENT APPROVAL DATE
AMENDMENTS										
CW20-23-11	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	AMENDMENT	Gene Tapp	Red Rock 13	WASCOB	90%		AMOUNT	\$28,579.65	10/11/2023

Moe made a motion to approve the amendment to the Cedar Wapsi 1W1P cost share contract #CW20-23-11 for Gene Tapp. The amendment includes increasing the cost share amount from \$28,201.50 to \$28,579.65.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

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RR20/21-23-01	Root River 1W1P	AMENDMENT	Matt Carpenter	Clayton 17	Waterway	90%		AMOUNT	\$1,979.00	10/11/2023
RR20/21-23-06	Root River 1W1P	AMENDMENT	Joseph Bunne	Clayton 17	Waterway	90%		AMOUNT	\$8,212.28	10/11/2023

Moe made a motion to approve the amendment to the Root River 1W1P cost share contract #RR20/21-23-01 for Matt Carpenter. The amendment includes increasing the cost share amount from \$726.00 to \$1,979.00.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the amendment to the Root River 1W1P cost share contract #RR20/21-23-06 for Joseph Bunne. The amendment includes increasing the cost share amount from \$4,964.80 to \$8,212.28.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Cost Share:

ARPA Funding:

The following are requesting cost share incentives for their cover crops and reduced till/strip till through the ARPA funding:

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
ARPA-23-08	ARPA Funding	CONTRACT	Clinton Jones	Pleasant Valley 15	Cover Crops	125 ac @40	3	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	10/11/2023
ARPA-23-09	ARPA Funding	CONTRACT	Daryle Irlbeck	Racine 3	Cover Crops	113 ac @40	3	\$4,520.00	\$13,560.00	10/11/2023
ARPA-23-10	ARPA Funding	CONTRACT	Marc Irlbeck	Racine 3	Cover Crops	125 ac @40	3	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	10/11/2023
ARPA-23-11	ARPA Funding	CONTRACT	Matthias Bush	Clayton 3/GM 35	Reduce Till/Strip Till	196 ac @20	3	\$3,920.00	\$11,760.00	10/11/2023
ARPA-23-12	ARPA Funding	CONTRACT	Martin Larsen	Waltham 35	Cover Crops	125 ac @40	3	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	10/11/2023

Kellogg made a motion to approve the above 5 incentive contracts for Clinton Jones, Daryle Irlbeck, Marc Irlbeck, Matthias Bush and Martin Larsen. Funding for these incentives will come from the ARPA grant.

Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Cedar Wapsi 1W1P:

The following are requesting payment for their projects through the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P Grant:

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	Other Funding	L/O Cost
CW20-23-02	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Wesley Johnson	Waltham 12	Waterway	90%		\$13,725.25	\$2,769.65	10/11/2023	\$9,583.08	\$1,372.52
CW20-23-04	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Royce Brandvold	Austin 8	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000		\$1,150.00	\$575.00	10/11/2023		\$575.00
CW20-23-06	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Lowell Johnson	Waltham 27	WASCOB	90%		\$23,156.50	\$14,059.09	10/11/2023	\$6,781.76	\$2,315.65
CW20-23-10	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Gene Tapp	Red Rock 13	Waterway	75%		\$7,300.00	\$5,475.00	10/11/2023		\$1,825.00
CW20-23-11	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Gene Tapp	Red Rock 13	WASCOB	90%		\$38,106.20	\$28,579.65	10/11/2023	\$5,715.93	\$3,810.62
CW20-23-14	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Jeff Saxon	Lansing 12	Waterway	75%		\$20,513.75	\$15,385.31	10/11/2023		\$5,128.44

Kellogg made a motion to approve the above cost share payments for Wesley Johnson, Royce Brandvold, Lowell Johnson, (2) Gene Tapp and Jeff Saxon. Funding will come from the FY2021 Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P Grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Nutrient Mgmt. Initiative:

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	Other Funding	L/O Cost
NMI-23-01	Nutrient Mgmt. Init.- NMI	CONTRACT	Terry Jones	Grand Meadow 9	Cover Crops	\$500.00	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	10/11/2023	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00

Soltau made a motion to approve the cover crop contract for Terry Jones. 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. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P:

The following are payment for their cost shared waterways through the Root River 1W1P grant:

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	Other Funding	L/O Cost
RR20/21-23-01	Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Matt Carpenter	Clayton 17	Waterway	90%		\$3,860.00	\$1,929.00	10/11/2023	\$1,495.00	\$386.00
RR20/21-23-02	Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Merz Farms Family	Grand Meadow 6	Waterway	90%		\$9,655.00	\$999.54	10/11/2023	\$7,689.96	\$965.50
RR20/21-23-04	Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Robert Baarsch	Frankford 13	Waterway	90%		\$3,365.00	\$604.86	10/11/2023	\$2,423.64	\$336.50
RR20/21-23-05	Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	KDJR Voorhees Fa	Clayton 17	Waterway	75%		\$11,255.00	\$8,441.25	10/11/2023		\$2,813.75
RR20/21-23-06	Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Joseph Bunne	Clayton 17	Waterway	90%		\$15,780.31	\$8,212.28	10/11/2023	\$5,990.00	\$1,578.03

Kellogg made a motion to approve the above cost share payments for Matt Carpenter, Merz Farms Family, Robert Baarsch, KDJR Voorhees and Joseph Bunne. Funding will come from the FY22/23 Root River 1W1P Grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Root River CRP Incentives:

The following is requesting cost share incentives through the Root River CRP Incentives grant:

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
RR-CRP-23-01	Root River -CRP Incentives	CONT/PMT	Mark Diekrager	Sargeant 35	Prairie Strip Incentive	3.64 ac @\$80	10	\$291.20	\$2,912.00	10/11/2023

Kellogg made a motion to approve the prairie strip incentive contract and payment for Mark Diekrager, 3.64ac @\$80 for 10years for a total of \$2,912.00. Funding for the prairie strip incentive will come from the Root River CRP Incentives grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

State Cost Share:

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	Other Funding	L/O Cost
SCS22-03	State Cost Share	PAYMENT	Larry Larson	Sargeant 9	Waterway	75%		\$5,413.00	\$765.57	10/11/2023	\$3,294.18	\$1,353.25

Larry Larson is requesting payment on his State Cost Shared waterway. Moe made a motion to approve the cost share payment of \$765.57 for Larry Larson. Funding will come from FY23. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

Prairie Strips:

Fox talked about the amount of prairie strip interest and the funding available.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

Moe talked about the nitrogen issue and the petition being written up against it.

Discussion was held.

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

APPROVED _____ DATE _____