

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Special board meeting minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on July 26, 2023. Held at the Mower SWCD office.

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, Office Manager

Agenda:

Moe made a motion to approve the July 26<sup>th</sup> agenda. Kellogg seconded the motion.  
 Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe  
 Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

2024 Proposed Budget:

The board held discussion on the budget. Kellogg made a motion to approve the 2024 proposed budget. Moe seconded the motion.  
 Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe  
 Opposed: None

District Technician:

Fox informed the board of the applicants that were received for the district technician position. The final decision on which applicant to hire will be made at the August board meeting.

Action Items:

2024 Proposed Budget:

This item was addressed and approved earlier in the meeting.

Cost Share:

Cedar Wapsi 1W1P:

The following are requesting cost share assistance through the Cedar Wapsi 1W1P grant.

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Seeding	Total Estimate/ Cost	Total Cost Share	Date	Other Funding	L/O Cost
CW20-23-06	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	AMENDED	Lowell Johnson	Waltham 27	WASCOB	50%	\$26,000.00	\$16,752.26	7/26/2023	\$6,647.74	\$2,600.00
CW20-23-07	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	MSJJ Bonanza Four LLC	Marshall 6	Grade Stabilization	75% + \$1470 Cover	\$64,024.00	\$49,488.00	7/26/2023		\$17,475.00
CW20-23-09	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Roberta Schwartz Revoca	Windom 20	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	7/26/2023		\$3,000.00

Erichson made a motion to approve the cost share amendment for Lowell Johnson's WASCOB project from \$13,918.44 to \$16,752.26. The total cost share with other funding is 90% of the total cost of \$26,000.00. Funding for the SWCD portion, \$16,752.26, will come from the 2021 Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Peterson seconded the motion.  
 Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe  
 Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the payment for MSJJ Bonanza Four LLC grade stabilization project of \$49,488.00. The total cost of the project was \$64,024.00 and the payment at 75% with pre-construction cover of \$1,470.00 is \$49,488.00. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share payment of \$1000.00 to Roberta Schwartz Revocable Family Trust, 50% of the total cost of \$4000.00 not to exceed \$1,000.00. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

SWCD Aid:

Fox explained the 2023 Guidelines on Use of SWCD Aid Payments. Erichson made a motion to accept the 2023 Guidelines on Use of SWCD Aid Payments. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Board Member Resignation:

Peterson turned in a letter of resignation from his position on the board of supervisors as of this point on July 26, 2023. Discussion was held. Erichson made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Peterson. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held Monday, August 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

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