

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on August 12, 2020.

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom video. Hanson led the check-in.

Meeting was called to order by Randy Smith, Board Chairman.

Supervisors Present: Jim Gebhardt
Jon Erichson
Randy Smith
Jim Kellogg
Micah Peterson

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager
Jeanne Crump, Administrative Assistant
Mattie Hackensmith, SWCD Intern

Others Present: Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner
Dave Copeland, BWSR
Gary Kurer, NRCS

Agenda:

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the August agenda. Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020 board meeting.

Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:

The treasurers and payables reports were reviewed with the board. Peterson made a motion to approve the treasurers and payables reports, August payroll and to transfer money as needed. Kellogg second the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

NRCS Report, Gary Kurer:

Kurer updated the board on NRCS programs, to include: EQIP, CSP, and CRP.

Action Items:

Well Sealing Contract Approval:

The following are requesting cost share for their well sealing:

Priority Area	LAST	FIRST	TWP/SECT	Cost Estimate	Estimated CS
X	Parmenter	Gary	Lyle 2	\$1,600.00	\$800.00
X	DiCarlo	Debra	Lansing 3	\$1,450.00	\$725.00

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Gary Parmenter at \$800.00, 50% of the cost estimate of \$1,600.00. Peterson seconded the motion. Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Debra DiCarlo at \$725.00, 50% of the cost estimate of \$1,450.00. Peterson seconded the motion. Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Root River Headwaters Cost Share Payment Approvals:

The following are requesting payments for their Root River Headwaters Grant funded waterways:

Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost	Cost Share Payment
Bart Brincks	Bennington 17	Waterway	\$6,629.70	\$5,966.73
Matt Carpenter	Bennington 17	Waterway	\$2,469.90	\$2,222.91

Kellogg made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River Headwaters cost shared waterway for Bart Brincks for \$5,966.73, 90% of the total cost of \$6,629.70. Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River Headwaters cost shared waterway for Matt Carpenter for \$2,222.91, 90% of the total cost of \$2,469.90. Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P Cost Share Payment Approvals:

The following are requesting payment for their Root River cost shared waterways.

Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost	Cost Share Payment
Dominic Stier	Clayton 10	Waterway	\$4,544.20	\$4,089.78
Wayne Gehling	Clayton 10	Waterway	\$10,381.20	\$9,343.08

Kellogg made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway for Dominic Stier for \$4,089.78, 90% of the total cost of \$4,544.20. Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway for Wayne Gehling for \$9,343.08, 90% of the total cost of \$10,381.20. Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave an update on county programs to include: the Budget process, CARES funding, August 4th work session and road construction.

Discussion Items:

CARES Act Funding Application:

Hanson explained the expenses that were applied for through the CARES funding with the County. Glynn also made suggestions for other items that are eligible. The board held discussion.

Intern Report, Mattie Hackensmith:

Hackensmith gave the board an update on her summer of work in the office.

Fishers and Farmers Grant:

Hanson updated the board on the Fishers and Farmers grant approval. This is a \$40,000 grant for cost share assistance on CRP payments.

Federal 319 Grant Award:

Hanson updated on the Federal 319 grant approval for the Dobbins watershed. This is a long-term grant for monitoring in the Dobbins watershed. It will include \$280,000 for 3 years and then up to a possible 16 years of additional monitoring.

CREP Projects:

Hanson talked about the CREP applications that Fett has been working on.

General Office/Field:

Hanson gave an update on office/field work.

Dave Copeland, BWSR:

Copeland talked with the board. He informed the board of the meeting that he will attend today to discuss 2020 BWSR academy.

Supervisor Reports:

Resolution Meeting:

Gebhardt and Smith talked about the Area 7 resolution meeting. The board talked about the MASWCD state convention that will be held remotely this year.

TSA Meeting:

Gebhardt updated the board on the TSA zoom meeting that he attended. Discussion was held on the increase in 2021 dues.

County Finance Committee Meeting:

The board talked about the August 20th finance meeting that the District has with the County Commissioners.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held September 9, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., the where of which will be discussed as the meeting gets closer.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____