

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on August 5, 2021. Held at the Mower County Government Center in Austin.

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

Supervisors Present: Randy Smith
Jim Kellogg
Micah Peterson

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager
Jeanne Crump, Office Manager
Steve Lawler, Resource Specialist

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

Agenda:

Peterson made a motion to approve the August agenda. Kellogg seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021, board meeting.
Peterson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: 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.
Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

NRCS Report, Gary Kurer:

Kurer updated the board on NRCS Programs, to include: new staffing in the Austin Field Office (Soil Conservationist), EQIP, and CRP.

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave an update on County programs, to include: budget process, the SWCD meeting with the finance committee on August 4th, Covid 19 relief funding, and misc. county.

BWSR Update, Dave Copeland:

Copeland talked with the board on BWSR tour scheduled for August 25.

Action Items:

Cost Share:

The following are requesting cost share assistance for their projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	# of Years	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per Year	Total Cost Share Payment
Drinking Water Protection	PAYMENT	Deven Sutter	Lyle 27	Well Sealing (2)	50%		\$2,255.00	\$1,127.50
Drinking Water Protection	CONTRACT	William Murphy	Lyle 36	Well Sealing	50%		\$1,500.00	750-1000
Drinking Water Protection	CONTRACT	Bryan May	Nevada 12	Cover Crops	30 ac @ \$30	3	\$900.00	\$2,700.00
Drinking Water Protection	CONTRACT	Ron Frank	Nevada 34	Cover Crops	30 ac @ \$30	3	\$900.00	\$2,700.00
Drinking Water Protection	CONTRACT	Aaron Wagner	Windom 34	Cover Crops	30 ac @ \$30	3	\$900.00	\$2,700.00
State Cost Share	CONTRACT	Aaron Wagner	Windom 34	Cover Crops	40 ac @ \$28	3	\$1,120.00	\$3,360.00
Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Matt Carpenter	Bennington 17	Waterway	90%		\$17,080.00	\$15,372.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Al Akkerman	Red Rock 36	Waterway	75%		\$24,090.00	\$18,067.50

Drinking Water Protection Grant:

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing payment for Deven Sutter at \$1,127.50, 50% of the total cost of the 2 wells \$2,255.00.

Funding for this project will come from the Drinking Water Protection Grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for William Murphy at \$750.00, 50% of the cost estimate of \$1,500.00 not to exceed \$1,000. Funding for this project will come from the Drinking Water Protection Grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the Bryan May cover crop contract through the Drinking Water Protection grant for \$2,700.00, 30 ac. @ \$30 for 3 years. Payments for this project will be paid out on a year-by-year basis. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the Ron Frank cover crop contract through the Drinking Water Protection grant for \$2,700.00, 30 ac. @ \$30 for 3 years. Payments for this project will be paid out on a year-by-year basis. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the Aaron Wagner cover crop contract through the Drinking Water Protection grant for \$2,700.00, 30 ac. @ \$30 for 3 years. Payments for this project will be paid out on a year-by-year basis. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

State Cost Share:

Peterson made a motion to approve the cover crop contract for Aaron Wagner through state cost share for \$3,360.00, 40 ac. @\$28 for 3 years. Funding for this project will be paid out on a year-by-year basis and will come from FY19, FY20 & FY22. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P Cost Share:

Kellogg made a motion to approve payment to Matt Carpenter for his Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway in the amount of \$15,372.00, 90% of the total cost of \$17,080.00. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P Cost Share:

Peterson made a motion to approve the contract for Al Akkerman for his Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P cost shared waterway project in the amount of \$18,067.50, 75% of the total cost estimate of \$24,090.00. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

SWCD Board Per Diem:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the increase in supervisor per diem from \$75.00 per day to \$125.00 per day, retroactive to August 1, 2021. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Erichson entered the meeting.

Discussion Items:

On Farm Trial Initiative with MDA:

Hanson and Lawler informed the board of the On Farm Trial Initiative with MDA. The board held discussion.

Supervisor Reports:

Chairman Report:

No additional information.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be September 8, 2021, at 8:00am at the Mower County Government Center.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____