

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

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

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

Supervisors Present: Jon Erichson
Randy Smith
Jim Kellogg
Micah Peterson

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager
Jeanne Crump, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Brian DeVetter, NRCS
Dale Krystosek, BWSR
Dave Copeland, BWSR
Polly Glynn, County Commissioner

Agenda:

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

Secretary Report:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 board meeting.
Erichson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:

The treasurers and payables reports were reviewed with the board. Erichson made a motion to approve the treasurers and payables reports, February payroll and to transfer money as needed. Peterson second the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Preliminary Year End Summary:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the year end summary. Erichson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

NRCS Report:

DeVetter updated the board on NRCS Programs, to include; EQIP/RCPD signup deadline, conservation desktop software, new supervisor-Gary Kurer, and CRP.

PRAP Report Summary:

Dale Krystosek, BWSR, explained the Draft PRAP report that was completed for the SWCD and Mower County. Dave Copeland and Krystosek held discussion with the board.

Action Items:

Summer Intern:

Hanson talked with the board about hiring a summer intern for 2020. Peterson made a motion to hire a summer intern for 2020. Kellogg seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

NACD Dues:

The board discussed NACD annual dues. Table until 2021.

Pay Equity:

Erichson made a motion to approve the 2020 Pay Equity report. Peterson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Job Approval Authority/Staff:

Hanson talked about Job Approval Authority. Kellogg made a motion to approve the ecological JAA for **James Fett, Cody Fox and Larry Callahan**. Erichson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Well Sealing:

The following are requesting cost share for their well sealing projects.

	NAME	TWP/SECT	COST ESTIMATE	CS PAYMENT
Contract Approval	Joel Nelson	Lyle 35	\$ 1,800.00	Not to exceed \$1000
	NAME	TWP/SECT	FINAL COST	CS PAYMENT
Payment Approval	Curt & Greta Anderson	Lansing 33	\$ 1,555.00	\$ 777.50
Payment Approval	Darrell Barth	Austin 9	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 785.00

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Joel Nelson at 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Kellogg seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Curt and Greta Anderson are requesting payment for their cost shared well sealing through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant. The total cost of their well sealing was \$1,555.00, and the cost share payment is \$777.50, 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Peterson made a motion to approve the cost share payment of \$777.50 to Curt and Greta Anderson. Erichson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Darrell Barth is requesting payment for his cost shared well sealing through the 2019 Conservation Cost Share Base grant. The total cost of his well sealing was \$1,570.00, and the cost share payment is \$785.00, 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Peterson made a motion to approve the cost share payment of \$785.00 to Darrell Barth. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Grant Signing Authority:

Erichson made a motion to authorize Hanson to sign finance reports and grant applications/agreements with BWSR. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report:

Polly Glynn updated the board on County programs, to include: 2020 office holders and misc. county.

Discussion Items:

MASWCD Updates:

Hanson updated the board on MASWCD items.

Joint Powers Board Updates:

Hanson talked about current issues with the JPB.

Supervisor Reports:

Chairman Report:

Nothing added.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be March 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____