

## Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on June 2, 2021.

This was a hybrid meeting with in-person at the Mower County Government Center and remotely via Zoom video. Hanson led the check-in.

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

### Present for SWCD Board Meeting

#### Mower Supervisors:

Jon Erichson  
Randy Smith  
Jim Kellogg  
Rod Moe

#### Staff Present:

Justin Hanson  
Jeanne Crump

### Additional Present for LWG Meeting

Mower SWCD: Cody Fox, James Fett, Paul Hunter, Mattie Hackensmith

Steele SWCD: Eric Gulbransen, Mark Ihlenfeld

Dodge SWCD: Adam King, Rick Alberts, Glenn Hahn, Larry Scherger

Freeborn SWCD: Brenda Lageson

NRCS Present: Gary Kurer, Kelly Burke, Jim Smith, Luke Bowe

BWSR Present: Dave Copeland

CRWD Present: Jim Gebhardt

Mower County Commissioner: Polly Glynn

### Agenda:

Erichson made a motion to approve the June agenda. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg

Opposed: None

Moe entered the board meeting.

### Local Work Group Meeting, Led by NRCS

Hanson gave an introduction to the LWG meeting. Gary Kurer gave a summary of the meeting objectives and Kelly Burke talked about resource concerns and program opportunities. Adam King talked about the local water plans and the ranking sheet. Discussion was held. The LWG ranked the resource concerns for cropland, farmstead, forestland, and pastureland. Discussion was held. The LWG meeting was closed.

### Secretary Report:

Erichson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 board meeting.

Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Budget Report and Program Summary:

The budget report and program summary were not available due to the early board meeting date.

Action Items:

Prairie Strip Payments:

The following are requesting payment on their prairie strip incentives.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	# of Years	Total Cost/ Cost per year	Cost Share Payment
Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	John Stockdale	Bennington 29	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.7 ac @ 80.00	10	\$216.00	\$2,160.00
The Nature Conservancy	PAYMENT	John Stockdale	Bennington 29	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.7 ac @ 5.50	10	\$14.85	\$148.50
The Nature Conservancy	PAYMENT	John Stockdale	Bennington 29	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.7 ac @ 85.50	5	\$230.85	\$1,154.25
Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Wayne DeWall	Bennington 19	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.34 ac @ 80.00	10	\$187.20	\$1,872.00
The Nature Conservancy	PAYMENT	Wayne DeWall	Bennington 19	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.34 ac @ 5.50	10	\$12.87	\$128.70
Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Kenneth Stockdal	Bennington 28	Prairie Strip Incentive	4.7 ac @ 21.86	10	\$102.74	\$1,027.42

Kellogg made a motion to approve the **John Stockdale** Prairie Strip Incentive payment through the **FY21 Root River 1W1P** grant for \$2,160.00, 2.7 ac. @ \$80 for 10 years. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the **John Stockdale** Prairie Strip Incentive payment through **The Nature Conservancy** grant for \$148.50, 2.7 ac. @ \$5.50 for 10 years. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the **John Stockdale** Prairie Strip Incentive payment through **The Nature Conservancy** grant for \$1,154.25, 2.7 ac. @ \$85.50 for 5 years. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the **Wayne DeWall** Prairie Strip Incentive payment through the **FY21 Root River 1W1P** grant for \$1,872.00, 2.34 ac. @ \$80 for 10 years. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the **Wayne DeWall** Prairie Strip Incentive payment through **The Nature Conservancy** grant for \$128.70, 2.34 ac. @ \$5.50 for 10 years. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the **Ken Stockdale** Prairie Strip Incentive contract through the **FY21 Root River 1W1P** grant for \$1,027.42, 4.7 ac. @ \$21.86 for 10 years. Erichson seconded the motion.  
 Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe  
 Opposed: None

Well Sealing Payment:

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	Total Cost/ Cost per year	Cost Share Payment
County NRBG Match	PAYMENT	Joel Nelson	Lyle 35	Well Sealing	48%	\$2,092.50	\$1,000.00

Kellogg made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share payment for Joel Nelson at \$1000, 50% of the total cost not to exceed \$1000. Erichson seconded the motion.  
 Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe  
 Opposed: None

No-Till Drill Contract Policy:

Erichson made a motion to approve the agreement for use of no-till drill. Kellogg seconded the motion.  
 Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe  
 Opposed: None

Monthly Payables:

The payables report was presented to the board. Erichson made a motion to approve the payables report, June payroll and to transfer money as needed. Kellogg second the motion.  
 Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Moe  
 Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

July Board Meeting:

The board discussed the July board meeting. Hanson informed the board that the July board meeting will be held at the JC Hormel Nature Center.

NRCS Report:

Gary Kurer informed the board that Jessica Beske has been hired for the Non-Supervisory District Conservationist position in the Austin office and will start on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Reports:

The board talked about the Area 7 Resolutions meeting scheduled for June 22.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held July 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

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