

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on May 20, 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

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

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

Agenda:

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the May agenda. Erichson seconded the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg
Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Erichson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2020 board meeting.
Kellogg seconded the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg
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, May payroll and to transfer money as needed. Peterson second the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg
Opposed: None

Action Items:

Tree Cost Share:

The following are requesting cost share payment on their district cost shared windbreaks.

Name	Total Cost	50% CS Pmt.
Fred Harvey	\$445.20	\$222.60
Eric Kozak	\$226.00	\$113.00
Richard Boyd	\$625.00	\$312.50

Kellogg made a motion to approve the payment for Harvey, Kozak and Boyd for their windbreak projects at 50%. Erichson seconded the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg
Opposed: None

Well Sealing Cost Share:

Steve Greenman is requesting payment on his well sealing project. Erichson made a motion to approve the payment of \$860.00 (50% of the total cost of \$1720.00) to Steve Greenman for his well sealing project. Funding for this project will come from the FY2019 Clean Water Fund SE MN Regional Well Sealing grant. Gebhardt seconded the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg
Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave an update on county programs to include: covid-19 office closings/reopenings, permits moved to online, covid-19 cases in the county, along with misc. county business.

NRCS Report:

Hanson reminded the board of the local workgroup meeting that is scheduled for June 10 at 8:00am.

Discussion Items:

COVID 19 and Budget Forecasts:

Hanson updated the board on doing business in the office during the pandemic. The SWCD office will open when the other offices in the building do.

Hanson gave an update on the legislature and items that are being postponed until the special session in June.

Tree Report:

Hanson and Crump talked about tree distribution and the 2020 tree report.

Vehicle:

Hanson talked with the board in the state of the 2008 Chevy truck. He explained that there is a car in the budget for 2020, but he would like to replace the 2008 Chevy truck this year instead.

Trout Stocking:

Hanson updated the board on the stocking of trout in Wolf Creek by the DNR.

Ag BMP:

Hanson talked about the dollars available through the AgBMP loan program.

Supervisor Reports:

Resolution Meeting:

Gebhardt and Hanson talked about the resolution meeting that would normally be held in June. Where and how it will be held is yet to be determined. Mower SWCD will not have a resolution to submit in 2020.

Cedar River 1W1P:

There has not been a recent meeting for the Cedar River 1W1P.

Election:

Erichson, Gebhardt and Peterson's districts will be on the election in November.

June Board Meeting:

The board discussed as to whether to have the June board meeting in the office or via Zoom. It was agreed to hold the June board meeting via Zoom due to the uncertain circumstances.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held remotely, June 10, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____