

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on May 12, 2021.

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

Supervisors Present: Randy Smith  
Jim Kellogg  
Jon Erichson

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager  
Jeanne Crump, Office Manager  
Cody Fox, Project Manager  
James Fett, Watershed Technician  
Paul Hunter, Conservation Planner

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

Agenda:

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

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 board meeting.

Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:

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

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave an update on County programs to include: newly elected county commissioner Mueller, federal funding, road work and a new broadband network.

NRCS Report:

Kurer updated the board on NRCS Programs, to include: non-supervisory DC position in the Austin field office, EQIP, state wildlife pool, CSP, and the June 2<sup>nd</sup> local workgroup meeting.

Action Items:

Windbreak Cost Share:

The following are requesting Cost Share for their windbreak projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost	Cost Share Payment
SWCD	CONTRACT	Jim Yoch	Lodi 23	Windbreak	Not to exceed \$500	\$1,891.70	\$500.00
SWCD	PAYMENT	Jim Yoch	Lodi 23	Windbreak	Not to exceed \$500	\$1,891.70	\$500.00
SWCD	PAYMENT	Erik Akkerman	Windom 5	Windbreak	50%	\$408.85	\$204.43
SWCD	PAYMENT	Richard Pedersen	Windom 16	Windbreak	50%	\$343.05	\$171.53
SWCD	PAYMENT	Brian Bronner	Austin 16	Windbreak	50%	\$462.78	\$231.39
SWCD	PAYMENT	Jake Levisen	Nevada 8	Windbreak	50%	\$447.68	\$223.84

Kellogg made a motion to approve the windbreak cost share **contract for Jim Yoch** at \$500, 50% not to exceed \$500. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the windbreak cost share **payments for Yoch, Akkerman, Pedersen, Bronner and Levisen**. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Well Sealing Cost Share:

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

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost	Cost Share Payment
Drinking Water Protection	CONTRACT	Mike Souhrada	Bennington 36	Well Sealing (2)	50%	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Steve Reinartz	Adams 1	Well Sealing	50%	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00

**Mike Souhrada** is requesting cost share for his 2 well sealing projects. Kellogg made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Mike Souhrada's 2 well sealing projects at \$2,000.00, 50% of the cost estimate of \$4,000.00 not to exceed \$1,000 per well. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

**Steve Reinartz** is requesting cost share for his well sealing project. Kellogg made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Steve Reinartz at \$1,000.00, 50% of the cost estimate of \$2,000.00 not to exceed \$1,000. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Grassed Waterway Cost Share:

The following are requesting Cost Share for their waterway projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost	Cost Share Payment
Root River 1W1P	CONTRACT	Matt Carpenter	Bennington 17	Waterway	90%	\$17,368.00	\$15,631.20
Root River 1W1P	CONTRACT	Paul Carman	Grand Meadow 36	Waterway	90%	\$2,891.00	\$2,601.90
Root River 1W1P	CONTRACT	Fredrickson Farms	Frankford 29	Waterway	90%	\$16,018.00	\$14,416.20
Root River 1W1P	CONTRACT	Merz Farms Family	Grand Meadow 6	Waterway	90%	\$8,578.00	\$7,720.20
State Cost Share	PAYMENT	Tom Anderson	Waltham 24	Waterway	75%	\$6,498.11	\$4,873.58
State Cost Share	CONTRACT	Ray Tucker	Dexter 27	Waterway	75%	\$6,705.00	\$5,028.75

Kellogg made a motion to approve the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway contract for **Matt Carpenter** for \$15,631.20, 90% of the total cost estimate of \$17,368.00. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway contract for **Paul Carman** for \$2,601.90, 90% of the total cost estimate of \$2,891.00. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway contract for **Fredrickson Farms** for \$14,416.20, 90% of the total cost estimate of \$16,018.00. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway contract for **Merz Farms Family** for \$7,720.20, 90% of the total cost estimate of \$8,578.00. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the state cost share waterway **payment** to **Tom Anderson** for \$4873.58, 75% of the total cost of \$6498.11. Funding for this project will come from the FY17-FY18 State Cost Share. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Kellogg made a motion to approve the state cost share waterway contract for **Ray Tucker** for \$5,028.75, 75% of the total cost estimate of \$6,705.00. Funding for this project will come from FY18 State Cost Share. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

**Root River Headwaters Biomass Initiative:**

The following is requesting payment for her forage & biomass planting project.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	# of Years	Total Cost per year	Cost Share Payment
Targeted Wtrshd-Headwaters	PAYMENT	Sue Dougan	Bennington 20	Forage & Biomass Planting	10 ac @ 300.00	10	\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00

Kellogg made a motion to approve the CWF Targeted Watershed- Root River Headwaters contract **payment** to **Sue Dougan** for her forage & biomass planting incentive project. The total cost of the project is \$30,000.00 (flat rate of \$300.00 per acre for 10 years for 10 acres). Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Prairie Strip Incentive Cost Share:

The following are requesting Cost Share through the Prairie Strip Incentive program. The board held discussion on the program.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	# of Years	Total Cost per year	Cost Share Payment
<b>Root River 1W1P</b>	CONTRACT	John Stockdale	Bennington 29	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.7 ac @ 80.00	10	\$216.00	\$2,160.00
<b>The Nature Conservancy</b>	CONTRACT	John Stockdale	Bennington 29	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.7 ac @ 5.50	10	\$14.85	\$148.50
<b>The Nature Conservancy</b>	CONTRACT	John Stockdale	Bennington 29	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.7 ac @ 85.50	5	\$230.85	\$1,154.25
<b>Root River 1W1P</b>	CONTRACT	Wayne DeWall	Bennington 19	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.34 ac @ 80.00	10	\$187.20	\$1,872.00
<b>The Nature Conservancy</b>	CONTRACT	Wayne DeWall	Bennington 19	Prairie Strip Incentive	2.34 ac @ 5.50	10	\$12.87	\$128.70
<b>Root River 1W1P</b>	CONTRACT	Kenneth Stockdale	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 contract through the **FY21 Root River 1W1P** grant for \$2,160.00, 2.7 ac. @ \$80 for 10 years. Erichson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

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: Smith, Kellogg, Erichson

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

SWCD and Local Work Group Meetings:

The board talked about the June local work group meeting and board meeting to be held June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Mower County government center.

Resolutions:

Discussion was held on the upcoming Area 7 resolutions meeting scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tree Season Report:

Hanson and Crump talked about the 2021 tree report. Discussion was held.

Cedar 1W1P Financial Report:

Hanson explained the Cedar Wapsi 1W1P budget summary.

Regional and State Outreach:

Hanson talked about the Green Corp employee. MASWCD outreach was discussed.

Dave Copeland, BWSR:

Copeland updated the board on BWSR, to include: August BWSR board meeting to be held in Area 7, October BWSR Academy held in person and the bonding bill for CREP.

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 June 2, 2021 after the 8:00 a.m. local workgroup meeting at the Mower County government center.

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