

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on May 8, 2024. Held at 1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN.

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

Supervisors Present: Randy Smith  
Jon Erichson  
Rod Moe  
Jay Soltau

Staff Present: Cody Fox, District Manager  
Jeanne Crump, Office Manager

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

Agenda:

Erichson made a motion to approve the May agenda. Soltau seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Soltau  
Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Erichson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 board meeting.  
Soltau seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Soltau  
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable: (Moved to After Discussion Items)

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Copeland updated the board on BWSR staffing and current grants.

Moe entered the board meeting.

NRCS Report:

Not in Attendance

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

No Report

Action Items:

Juneteeth:

Erichson made a motion to approve adding Juneteeth to the Holiday list in the Employee Handbook. Soltau seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe, Soltau  
Opposed: None

Cost Share:

Cedar Wapsi 1W1P:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Other	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date	L/O Cost
CW22-23-02	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Steve Hubly	Austin 36	Well Sealing (2	50% not to exceed \$1500	\$3,965.00	\$1,982.50	5/8/2024	\$1,982.50
CW22-24-04	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Gene Smith	Adams 31	WASCOB	75%	\$19,832.50	\$14,874.38	5/8/2024	\$4,958.12
CW22-24-03	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Zach Nelson	Red Rock 13	WASCOB	89%	\$12,794.00	\$9,497.25	5/8/2024	\$1,397.30
CW-22-24-05	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	George Winkels	Lodi 6	WASCOB	75%	\$23,422.00	\$17,566.50	5/8/2024	\$5,855.50
CW-22-24-06	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Neal Anderson	Waltham 28	Waterway	75%	\$6,565.00	\$4,923.75	5/8/2024	\$1,641.25
CW-22-24-07	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Brad Tapp	Dexter 18	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1500	\$2,100.00	\$1,050.00	5/8/2024	\$1,050.00

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share payment for 2 wells for Steve Hubly at \$1,982.50, 50% of the total cost of \$3,965.00 not to exceed \$1,500.00 per well. Funding for this project will come from the 2022 Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the WASCOB cost share payment of \$14,874.38 for Gene Smith. Funding for this payment will come from the 2022 Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the WASCOB cost share payment of \$9,497.25 for Zach Nelson. Funding for this payment will come from the 2022 Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the WASCOB cost share contract for George Winkels at \$17,566.50. The cost share is 75% of the total cost estimate of \$23,422.00. Funding for the \$17,566.50, will come from the 2022 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the waterway cost share contract for Neal Anderson at \$4,923.75. The total cost share is 75% of the total cost estimate of \$6,565.00. Funding for this project will come from the 2022 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract for Brad Tapp at \$1,050.00, 50% of the total cost estimate of \$2,100.00 not to exceed \$1,500.00. Funding for this project will come from the 2022 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

NRBG:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Other	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date	L/O Cost
NRBG-24-02	County NRBG Funds	CONTRACT	Ross Turner	Sargeant 27	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1000	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	5/8/2024	\$1,500.00

Soltau made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract for Ross Turner at \$1,000.00, 50% of the total cost estimate of \$2,500.00 not to exceed \$1,000.00. Funding for this project will come from the NRBG. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau  
 Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Other	Years	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per year	Total Cost Share/ Incentive Payment	Date	L/O Cost
RR22/23-24-03	Root River 1W1P	CONTRACT	Dom Stier	Clayton 10	Waterway	75%		\$18,544.00	\$13,908.00	5/8/2024	\$4,636.00
RR22/23-24-04	Root River 1W1P	CONTRACT	Gary Vogt	Frankford 34	Waterway	0.9		\$5,819.00	\$5,237.10	5/8/2024	\$581.90
RR22/23-24-05	Root River 1W1P	CONT/PMT	William Miles	LeRoy 29	Prairie Strip Incent	8.02 ac@80	12	\$641.60	\$7,699.20	5/8/2024	

Erichson made a motion to approve the waterway contract for Dom Stier at \$13,908.00. The total cost share is 75% of the total cost estimate of \$18,544.00. Funding for this project will come from the FY22/23 Root River WBIF grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau  
 Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the waterway contract for Gary Vogt at \$5,237.10. The total cost share is 90% of the total cost estimate of \$5,819.00. Funding for the project will come from the 22/23 Root River WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau  
 Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the above prairie strip incentive contract for William Miles. Funding for this incentive contract will come from the FY22/23 Root River 1W1P Grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau  
 Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the prairie strip incentive payment of \$7,699.20 for William Miles. Funding for the prairie strip incentives will come from the FY22/23 Root River 1W1P Grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Moe, Soltau  
 Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

MASWCD Resolutions:

The board talked about the resolution process. No new resolutions from Mower SWCD this year.

Board Supervisor Filings:

Erichson, Moe and Soltau are up for election in 2024. Fox reminded the 3 board members to file for election at the courthouse.

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:

The payables report was reviewed with the board. Erichson made a motion to approve the payables report, April payroll, and to transfer money as needed. Soltau second the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Supervisor Reports:

Chairman Report:

Smith talked about his involvement with NACD through his position on the MASWCD board. He informed the board of the upcoming Resolutions meeting.

Misc. Board:

The board discussed the soil erosion that is happening around the county due to the high spring winds. The board requested that staff reach out to landowners with high erosion.

Erichson made a motion to change the monthly board meeting day to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for the rest of the year. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be June 13, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

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