

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on October 14, 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
Micah Peterson

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

Others Present: Dave Copeland, BWSR
Pete Mattson, District #1 Candidate

Agenda:

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

Secretary Report:

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 board meeting.
Gebhardt seconded the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:
The treasurers and payables reports were reviewed with the board. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the treasurers and payables reports, October payroll and to transfer money as need. Peterson second the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Action Items:

Well Sealing Contract Approval:
Kevin & Ken Williams are requesting cost share for their well sealing. Kellogg made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Kevin & Ken Williams at \$950.00, 50% of the cost estimate of \$1,900.00 not to exceed \$1,000. Gebhardt seconded the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson
Opposed: None

Well Sealing Amendment/Payment Approval:

The following are requesting payment for their well sealing projects:

Well Sealing Cost Share AMENDMENT and PAYMENT Approvals						
Priority Area?	LAST	FIRST	TWP/SECT	Total Cost	Cost Share	Amendment Type
NonPriority	Hoot	Tim	PV 21	\$1,675.00	\$837.50	Date
Priority	Potach	Kurt	Austin 12	\$1,980.00	\$990.00	Date

Tim Hoot is requesting an amendment to the installed by date on his contract, along with payment on his well sealing project. Erichson made a motion to approve amending the installed date to 12/31/2020 and to approve the payment of \$837.50 (50% of the total cost of \$1,675.00) to Tim Hoot for his well sealing project. Funding for this project will come from the FY2019 Clean Water Fund SE MN Regional Well Sealing grant. Peterson seconded the motion. Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Kurt Potach is requesting an amendment to the installed by date on his contract, along with payment on his well sealing project. Erichson made a motion to approve amending the installed date to 12/31/2020 and to approve the payment of \$990.00 (50% of the total cost of \$1,980.00) to Kurt Potach 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, Peterson

Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P Cost Share Payment Approvals:

Brian Howe is requesting payment for his Root River cost-shared waterway. Kellogg made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway for Brian Howe for \$3,672.61, 30% of the total cost of \$12,101.35. (The federal EQIP program will be funding 60% of the project.) Peterson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Contract for Services, FF Grant:

Hanson talked about the contract with Ron Meiners for \$10,000 to help facilitate the Fishers and Farmers grant. Erichson made a motion to approve the Contract for Services with Ron Meiners for \$10,000. Peterson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

1W1P Sub Agreements:

Hanson informed the board that the Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P grant sub agreements should be ready for approval at the November board meeting.

MASWCD Resolutions:

Hanson reminded the board of the MASWCD Resolution Packet and that they will be on the agenda for the November board meeting.

Supervisor Reports:

Nothing new.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2020 (due to the November 11 Veteran's Day holiday) at 8:00 a.m., via Zoom.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____