

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on September 9, 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

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager
Jeanne Crump, Administrative Assistant
Paul Hunter, Conservation Planner

Others Present: Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner
Dave Copeland, BWSR
Gary Kurer, NRCS
Pete Mattson, District #1 Candidate

Agenda:

An addition of Cedar-Wapsipinicon 1W1P was made to the Action Items. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the September agenda with addition. Erichson seconded the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith
Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Erichson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith
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, September payroll and to transfer money as needed. Erichson second the motion.
Crump led a roll call of votes.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith
Opposed: None

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Copeland updated the board on BWSR programs, to include: 2021 Capacity funding, Buffer Implementation grant reduction, Cedar-Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant, along with possible future funding.

NRCS Report, Gary Kurer:

Kurer updated the board on NRCS programs, to include: personnel changes, EQIP, CSP, and CRP.

Action Items:

Well Sealing Contract Approval:

The following are requesting cost share for their well sealing:

| Well Sealing Cost Share CONTRACT Approval | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Priority or NonPriority | LAST | FIRST | TWP/SECT | Cost Estimate | Estimated CS |
| Priority | James | Samuel | Leroy 34 | \$2,100.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| NonPriority | Bernhard Farms Inc. | | GM 7 | \$1,375.00 | \$687.50 |
| NonPriority | Hoot | Tim | PV 21 | \$2,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for James Samuel at \$1,000.00, 50% of the cost estimate of \$2,100.00 not to exceed \$1,000. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Bernhard Farms Inc. at \$687.50, 50% of the cost estimate of \$1,375.00. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the well sealing contract for Tim Hoot at \$1,000.00, 50% of the cost estimate of \$2,000.00. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Well Sealing Payment Approval:

The following are requesting payment for their well sealing projects:

| Well Sealing Cost Share PAYMENT Approval | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Priority Area | LAST | FIRST | TWP/SECT | Cost Estimate | Estimated CS |
| X | Parmenter | Gary | Lyle 2 | \$1,610.00 | \$805.00 |
| X | Stahl | Heather | Lyle 15 | \$1,900.00 | \$950.00 |
| X | DiCarlo | Debra | Lansing 23 | \$800.00 | \$400.00 |

Gary Parmenter is requesting payment on his well sealing project. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the payment of \$805.00 (50% of the total cost of \$1,610.00) to Gary Parmenter for his well sealing project. Funding for this project will come from the FY2019 Clean Water Fund SE MN Regional Well Sealing grant. Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Heather Stahl is requesting payment on his well sealing project. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the payment of \$950.00 (50% of the total cost of \$1,900.00) to Heather Stahl for her well sealing project. Funding for this project will come from the FY2019 Clean Water Fund SE MN Regional Well Sealing grant.

Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Debra DiCarlo is requesting payment on his well sealing project. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the payment of \$400.00 (50% of the total cost of \$800.00) to Debra DiCarlo for her well sealing project. Funding for this project will come from the FY2019 Clean Water Fund SE MN Regional Well Sealing grant.

Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P Cost Share Payment Approvals:

The following are requesting payment for their Root River cost shared waterways. Hunter informed the board of the waterway projects. The board held discussion.

| Root River 1W1P Cost Share PAYMENT Approval | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Landowner | Twp/Sect | Project | Total Cost | Cost Share Payment | |
| Dale Queensland | Frankford 8 | Waterway | \$2,747.50 | \$2,472.75 | |
| Rachel Nagele | Frankford 17 | Waterway | \$7,365.50 | \$6,628.95 | Amendment |
| Jerry Sprau | Clayton 20 | Waterway | \$2,331.85 | \$2,098.67 | |
| Matt Carpenter | Grand Meadow 28 | Waterway | \$35,640.50 | \$32,076.45 | |
| Molitor Brothers | Grand Meadow 6 | Waterway | \$2,444.00 | \$2,199.60 | |

Erichson made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway for Dale Queensland for \$2,472.75, 90% of the total cost of \$2,747.50. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

An amendment was made to the Root River 1W1P waterway contract for Rachel Nagele to increase the estimated amount to \$7,400.00, with a cost share amount of 90% at \$6,660.00. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the amendment to \$7,400.00 and the payment for the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway to Rachel Nagele for \$6,628.95, 90% of the total cost of \$7,365.50. Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway for Jerry Sprau for \$2,098.67, 90% of the total cost of \$2,331.85. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway for Matt Carpenter for \$32,076.45, 90% of the total cost of \$35,640.50. Erichson seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Erichson made a motion to approve the payment for the Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway for Molitor Brothers for \$2,199.60, 90% of the total cost of \$2,444.00. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Cedar-Wapsipinicon 1W1P Grant:

Hanson talked about the Cedar-Wapsipinicon 1W1P Implementation Grant.

Erichson made a motion to approve signing the agreement for the Cedar-Wapsipinicon 1W1P Implementation Grant. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Erichson, Smith

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave an update on county programs to include: the 2021 budget, CARES funding and misc. county info.

Discussion Items:

CRP Report, James Fett:

Fett updated the board on CRP applications.

2008 Chevy Truck:

Hanson informed the board of the sale of the 2008 Chevy truck.

Wage Study:

Hanson updated the board on the status of the wage study.

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 October 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., via Zoom.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____