

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on September 8, 2021. Held at the Mower County Government Center in Austin.

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

Supervisors Present: Randy Smith
Jon Erichson
Jim Kellogg
Micah Peterson
Rod Moe

Staff Present: Justin Hanson, District Manager
Jeanne Crump, Office Manager

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

Agenda:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the September agenda. Peterson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe
Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021, board meeting.
Kellogg seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Checks Payable:

The treasurers and payables reports were reviewed with the board. Peterson made a motion to approve the treasurers and payables reports, September payroll and to transfer money as needed. Erichson second the motion.
Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe
Opposed: None

NRCS Report, Jessica Beske:

Beske updated the board on NRCS Programs, to include: the new Austin FO Soil Con, Leanna Schneider, EQIP, CSP and CRP.

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Glynn gave an update on County programs, to include: the September 7th commissioner's meeting, solar farms in the county, along with septic systems and getting the word out on compliance.

BWSR Update, Dave Copeland:

Copeland talked with the board on the BWSR tour that took place on August 25, gave an update on Covid 19, and HR updates/vacancies.

Action Items:

Cost Share:

The following are requesting cost share assistance for their projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Rate	Total Estimate/ Cost/ Cost per Year	Total Cost Share Payment
Drinking Water Protection	PAYMENT	Jim Thorson	Grand Meadow 24	Well Sealing	50%	\$1,550.00	\$775.00
Drinking Water Protection	PAYMENT	William Murphy	Lyle 36	Well Sealing	50%	\$1,550.00	\$775.00
County NRBG Funds	PAYMENT	Marcia Krebsbach	Grand Meadow 24	Well Sealing	50%	\$1,900.00	\$950.00
Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Fredrickson Farms	Frankford 29	Waterway	90%	\$14,908.75	\$13,417.88

Drinking Water Protection Grant:

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing payment for Jim Thorson at \$775.00, 50% of the total cost of \$1,550.00. Funding for this project will come from the Drinking Water Protection Grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing payment for William Murphy at \$775.00, 50% of the total cost of \$1,550.00. Funding for this project will come from the Drinking Water Protection Grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

County NRBG Funds:

Peterson made a motion to approve the well sealing payment for Marcia Krebsbach at \$950.00, 50% of the total cost of \$1,900.00. Funding for this project will come from the County NRBG match grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Root River 1W1P Cost Share:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the cost share payment to Fredrickson Farms for his Root River 1W1P cost shared waterway in the amount of \$13,417.88, 90% of the total cost of \$14,908.75. Peterson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Erichson, Smith, Kellogg, Peterson, Moe

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

Impacts of Storm Events:

The board discussed recent storm events.

Grants Season Wrap Up:

Hanson updated the board on the status of grant applications.

CRWD:

Hanson gave an update on the watershed district.

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 October 13, 2021, at 8:00am at the Mower County Government Center.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____