

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on November 14, 2024.
Held at 1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN.

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

Supervisors Present: Randy Smith Rod Moe
 Jay Soltau

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

Others Present: Teddy Moreno Santos, NRCS

Agenda:

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

Public Input:
None

Secretary Report:

Soltau made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2024, board meeting.
Moe seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Budget Reports/Checks Payable:

The October month end budget report and November payables report were reviewed with the board. Soltau made a motion to approve the financial reports, payables report, November payroll, and to transfer money as needed. Moe second the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:
Not in attendance.

NRCS Report, Teddy Moreno Santos:
Moreno Santos updated the board on NRCS programs, to include; staffing, EQIP, and CSP.

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:
Not in attendance.

Action Items:

Cost Share:

ARPA:

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	AMENDED TYPE	AMENDED COST SHARE	AMENDMENT APPROVAL DATE
ARPA-23-06	ARPA Funding	AMEND/PMT	Terry Jones	Frankford 19	Cover Crops	125 ac @20	2nd	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	11/14/2024	AMOUNT	\$10,000.00	11/14/2024
ARPA-23-08	ARPA Funding	AMEND/PMT	Clinton Jones	Pleasant Valley 15	Cover Crops	125 ac @20	2nd	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	11/14/2024	AMOUNT	\$10,000.00	11/14/2024
ARPA-23-09	ARPA Funding	AMEND/PMT	Daryle Irlbeck	Racine 3	Cover Crops	113 ac @20	2nd	\$2,260.00	\$2,260.00	11/14/2024	AMOUNT	\$9,040.00	11/14/2024
ARPA-23-10	ARPA Funding	AMEND/PMT	Marc Irlbeck	Racine 3	Cover Crops	125 ac @20	2nd	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	11/14/2024	AMOUNT	\$10,000.00	11/14/2024
ARPA-23-11	ARPA Funding	PAYMENT	Matthias Bush	Clayton 3/GM 35	Reduce Till/Strip Till	196 ac @20	2nd	\$3,920.00	\$3,920.00	11/14/2024			
ARPA-23-12	ARPA Funding	CANCEL	Martin Larsen	Walham 35	Cover Crops	125 ac @40	3	-----	-----	11/14/2024			

Moe made a motion to approve the amendments to Terry Jones, Clinton Jones, Daryle Irlbeck and Marc Irlbeck's cover crop incentive contracts to include the per acre rate from \$40 to \$20. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe

Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the 2nd year cover crop incentive payments for Terry Jones, Clinton Jones, Daryle Irlbeck and Marc Irlbeck. Funding for these incentives will come from the ARPA grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe

Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the 2nd year strip till incentive payment for Matthias Bush. Funding for this project will come from the ARPA grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe

Opposed: None

Soltau made a motion to cancel the ARPA cover crop contract for Martin Larsen. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe

Opposed: None

Cedar Wapsi WBIF:

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	Other Funding	L/O Cost	AMENDED TYPE	AMENDED COST SHARE	AMENDMENT APPROVAL DATE
CW22-24-10	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	AMEND/PMT	David Kiefer	Windom 4	Grade Stabilization	Final payment	2nd	\$100,921.39	\$10,963.55	11/14/2024	\$9,497.91	\$5,046.07	AMOUNT	\$86,377.41	11/14/2024
CW22-23-01	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Brad Sheely	Dexter 32	Cover Crops	98 ac @40	2nd & 3rd	\$7,840.00	\$7,840.00	11/14/2024					
CW22-24-19	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Trevor Emmanuel	Marshall 34	Cover Crops	137 ac @40	1st	\$5,480.00	\$5,480.00	11/14/2024					
CW24-24-20	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Ron Frank	Nevada 34	Cover Crops	160 ac @40	1st	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00	11/14/2024					
CW24-24-21	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Mark Yunker	Marshall 19 & 20	Cover Crops	160 ac @40	1st	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00	11/14/2024					
CW24-24-22	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Joe Sheely	Dexter 7/Walham 32 & 33	Cover Crops	166 ac @40	1st	\$6,640.00	\$6,640.00	11/14/2024					
CW24-24-23	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Brad Lukes	Austin 30	Strip Till	226 ac @15	1st	\$3,390.00	\$3,390.00	11/14/2024					
CW24-24-24	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Brad Lukes	Austin 30 & 33	Strip Till	218 ac @15	1st	\$3,270.00	\$3,270.00	11/14/2024					
CW24-24-25	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Cole Hughes	Lansing 36	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1500		\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00	11/14/2024		\$1,250.00			
CW22-24-15	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Lucas Owen	Windom 6	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1500		\$2,450.00	\$1,225.00	11/14/2024					
CW22-24-18	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Russell Nelson	Red Rock 15	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1500		\$4,655.00	\$1,500.00	11/14/2024		\$3,155.00			

Moe made a motion to approve amendment #2 to Cedar Wapsi 1W1P cost share contract #CW22-24-10 for David Kiefer. This amendment includes increasing the cost share amount from \$75,413.86 to \$86,377.41. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the final grade stabilization cost share payment for David Kiefer at \$10,963.55, a total of 86% of the total cost of

\$100,921.39. Funding for this project will come from the 2022 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Soltau made a motion to approve the 2nd & 3rd year cover crop incentive payments for Brad Sheely at \$7840.00. Funding for this incentive payment will come from the 2022 Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Moe seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Soltau made a motion to approve the 1st year cover crop incentive payments to Trevor Emanuel, Ron Frank, Mark Yunker and Joe Sheely. Funding will come from the FY24/25 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF Grant. Moe seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the 1st year strip-till incentive payments for the two Brad Lukes contracts. Funding will come from the FY24/25 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF Grant. Soltau seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract for Cole Hughes at \$1,250.00, 50% of the total cost estimate of \$2,500.00 not to exceed \$1,500.00. Funding for this project will come from the FY24/25 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Soltau made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share payments for Lucas Owen and Russell Nelson at 50% not to exceed \$1,500.00. Funding for the well sealing cost share will come from the FY24/25 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF grant. Moe seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau
Opposed: None

Root River WBIF:

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	AMENDED TYPE	AMENDED COST SHARE	AMENDMENT APPROVAL DATE
RR22/23-23-02	Root River 1W1P	AMEND/PMT	Terry Jones	Frankford 14 & 15	Cover Crops	125 ac @20	2nd	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	11/14/2024		AMOUNT	\$10,000.00	11/14/2024
RR24/25-24-04	Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Carl Nielsen	Frankford 26/Grand Meadow 4	Cover Crops	159 ac @40	1st	\$6,360.00	\$6,360.00	11/14/2024				
RR24/25-24-05	Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	CJ Ingelbrecht	Grand Meadow 24	Cover Crops	25 ac @40	1st	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	11/14/2024				
RR24/25-24-03	Root River 1W1P	PAYMENT	Nate Reid	Frankford 7	Well Sealing	75%		\$2,511.25	\$1,883.44	11/14/2024	\$627.81			
RR24/25-24-10	Root River 1W1P	CONTRACT	Brian Olson	Grand Meadow 12	Well Sealing	75%		\$3,000.00	\$2,250.00	11/14/2024	\$750.00			

Soltau made a motion to approve the amendment to Terry Jones' cover crop incentive contract to include the per acre rate from \$40 to \$20. Moe seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe
Opposed: None

Soltau made a motion to approve the 2nd year cover crop incentive payment for Terry Jones. Funding for this incentive will come from the FY24/25 Root River WBIF grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Moe

Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the 1st year cover crop incentive payments for Carl Nielsen and CJ Inglebret. Funding for these incentives will come from the FY24/25 Root River WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Soltau made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share payment for Nate Reid at \$1,883.44, 75% of the total cost of \$2,511.25. Funding for the project will come from the 24/25 Root River WBIF grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Moe made a motion to approve the well sealing cost share contract for Brian Olson at \$2,250.00, 75% of the total cost estimate of \$3,000.00. Funding for the project will come from the 24/25 Root River WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Soil Health Cost Share:

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
SH-23-01	Soil Health Cost Share	PAYMENT	Terry Jones	Frankford 35	Cover Crops	354 ac @20/ac	2nd & 3rd	\$9,440.00	\$9,440.00	11/14/2024

Soltau made a motion to approve the 2nd and 3rd year cover crop incentive payment for Terry Jones at \$9,440.00. Funding for the incentive payment will come from the FY23 Soil Health Grant. Moe seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

2023 Audit:

Moe made a motion to approve the final 2023 financial audit as presented by Peterson Company. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Moe, Soltau

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

RCPP Grant:

Fox informed the board of the RCPP grant.

Supervisor Reports:

Chairman Report:

Smith updated on the state MASWCD board meeting. Discussion was held on the annual convention in December.

Staff Report (See Attached):

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be tentatively December 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____