

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 |
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| 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 | Waltham 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 |
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| 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/Waltham 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 | Loring 36 | Well Sealing | 50% not to exceed \$1,500 | | \$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 \$1,500 | | \$2,450.00 | \$1,225.00 | 11/14/2024 | | \$1,225.00 | | | |
| CW22-24-18 | Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P | PAYMENT | Russell Nelson | Red Rock 15 | Well Sealing | 50% not to exceed \$1,500 | | \$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 |
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| 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 Inglebret | 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 | Non 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 _____