



MINNESOTA SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the September 14, 2017 Board Meeting Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Fairmont, Minnesota

Meeting called to order by Beckman at 9:00 am

The Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Judy Beckman – Vice Chair, Linda Meschke – Member, Larry Cowing – Member

Absent: Clair Schmidt Jr. – Chair, Tyler Ask – Member

Others present: Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Greg Johanson – Technician, Jesse Walters – Outreach Coordinator, Betsy Norland – NRCS District Conservationist

Changes or Additions to Agenda

New Business: CREP staffing potential

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the addition to the agenda, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Meschke to approve the Secretary's Report, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Beckman to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills to Pay

Approval was needed to move forward on the purchase of a John Deere Gator for \$9,080 from Martin County Implement in Truman. Motion by Meschke to approve the bill to pay, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Programs

Cost-Share Programs

State Cost Share

Completed Projects

CS #16-16

Craig Asmus

Township: Fraser
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,237.50
Cost Share Requested: \$618.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$1,700.00
Cost Share Due: \$618.00

Motion by Meschke to approve payment of \$618.00 for CS #16-16, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

New Projects

CS #25-17 Darrell Boe 1
Township: Lake Fremont
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,195.00
Cost Share Requested: \$597.00

Motion by Beckman to encumber \$597.00 for CS #25-17, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #26-17 Darrell Boe 2
Township: Lake Fremont
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$850.00
Cost Share Requested: \$425.00

Motion by Meschke to encumber \$425.00 for CS #26-17, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #27-17 Scott Halverson
Township: Westford
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$2,270.00
Cost Share Requested: \$1,000.00

Motion by Meschke to encumber \$1,000.00 for CS #27-17, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #28-17 Neusch Farms
Township: Silver Lake
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$941.46
Cost Share Requested: \$470.00

Motion by Cowing to encumber \$470.00 for CS #28-17, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

GBERBA

New Project

46-02 Harvey Hagedorn

Township: Center Creek

Project: Cover Crops

Project Bid Amounts: \$2,000.00

Cost Share Requested: \$1,500.00

Motion by Meschke to encumber \$1,500.00 for 46-02, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Clean Water Fund FY13

Completed Project

CWF #5-13 Tom Maday

Township: Center Creek

Project: Streambank

Project Bid Amount: \$20,237.50

Cost Share Requested: \$7,835.00

Cost Share Due: \$4,809.00

Motion by Mescheke to approve payment of \$4,809.00 for CWF #5-13, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Buffer Cost Share

Pre-approved

BCS #1-18 Randy Nelson 1

Township: Lake Fremont

Project: Buffer

Project Bid Amount: \$75.00

Cost Share Requested: \$75.00

Motion by Meschke to encumber \$75.00 for BCS #1-18, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

BCS #2-18 Randy Nelson 2

Township: Lake Fremont

Project: Buffer

Project Bid Amount: \$75.00

Cost Share Requested: \$75.00

Motion by Cowing to encumber \$75.00 for BCS #2-18, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

BCS #3-18 South View Acres

Township: Center Creek

Project: Buffer

Project Bid Amount: \$450.00

Cost Share Requested: \$450.00

Motion by Cowing to encumber \$450.00 for BCS #3-18, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

BCS #4-18 Lawrence Sukalski
Township: Silver Lake
Project: Cover Crops
Project Bid Amount: \$1,350.00
Cost Share Requested: \$1,350.00

Motion by Meschke to encumber \$1,350.00 for BCS #4-18, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

BCS #5-18 Lawrence Sukalski
Township: Silver Lake
Project: Buffer
Project Bid Amount: \$450.00
Cost Share Requested: \$450.00

Motion by Beckman to encumber \$450.00 for BCS #5-18, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Programs

Staff has submitted a Clean Water Fund application for projects in the Dutch Creek watershed.

Old Business

Buffer Initiative

An update was given by Brenke.

Nitrogen Smart Conference

Martin SWCD assisted the Martin County Corn and Soybean Grower's group in hosting the University of Minnesota-Extension Nitrogen Smart Program. The program took place at the Knights of Columbus from 9 am – 12 noon. About 35 were in attendance. A free lunch was served.

New Business

BWSR Academy

It was requested that we pay for two staff to attend the training, total cost is \$567.00. Motion by Meschke to approve paying for two staff to attend BWSR Academy, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

2017 MASWCD Resolutions

Resolution packets were handed out and the voting process was discussed.

Buffer Cost Share Policy Amendment

Minimum acres will be set to ¼ acre. Motion by Meschke to amend Buffer Cost Share Policy to have a minimum acreage of ¼ acre, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 Capacity Work Plan

2018 proposed Capacity Grant Work Plan:

Admin at \$5,000.00

Outreach Coordinator at \$50,000.00

Cost Share at \$51,000.00.

A motion was made to approve the work plan as discussed by Meschke, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

FY18/19 Programs and Operations Grant Agreement

Motion by Meschke to approve the grant agreement contingent on BWSR approval of work plan, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

CREP Staff

Discussion was had regarding the consideration of hiring a staff person for the CREP sign up. No motions were made.

Reports

Special Meetings

Meschke gave report on the Governor's 25 by 25 town hall meeting in Mankato.

District Conservationist Report

A report was given by Norland.

District Manager Report

A report was given by Brenke.

Water Plan Advisory Committee

A report was given by Beckman. The next Water Plan Meeting will be held September 27, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Water Treatment Plant in Fairmont.

South Central Technical Service Area

Discussion on transition from billing by the TSA to an annual dues payment.

GBERBA Report

Next Technical Committee meeting will be September 27. Executive Committee meets in October.

Adjourn

Motion by Meschke to adjourn, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

*October 12, 2017 approved
Austin Beneo*