



MINNESOTA
SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

*Minutes of the April 14, 2016 Board Meeting
Martin Soil and Water Conservation District
Fairmont, Minnesota*

Meeting called to order by Ask at 9:00 am
The Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Tyler Ask – Chair, Linda Meschke – Member, Judy Beckman – Member, Darwin Roberts – Member

Absent: Clair Schmidt Jr. – Vice Chair

Others Present: Steve Flohrs – County Commissioner, Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Ben Cottrell – NRCS, Dustin Benes – SWCD Technician.

Changes or Additions to Agenda
Old Business
New Business

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Beckman to approve the March 2016 Secretary's Report, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Roberts to approve the March 2016 Treasurer's Report, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve transfer of \$75,000.00 from checking to LISA account, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills to Pay

A motion was made by Meschke to approve reimbursement payment of \$5.00 to Benes for parking at Drainage Conference in St. Cloud, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Programs

Cost-Share Programs

A pamphlet for handout should be created with guidelines as to how the Cost Share Program works, especially for well sealing customers.

State Cost-Share

New Projects

CS #16-16 Craig Asmus

Project: Well Sealing

Project Bid Amount: \$1,237.50

Cost Share Requested: \$ 618.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$618.00 for CS #16-16, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #17-16 Larson Family Farms

Project: Well Sealing

Project Bid Amount: \$10,282.50

Cost Share Requested: \$ 1,000.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$1,000.00 for CS #17-16, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #18-16 Carmen Reckard

Project: Critical Area Planting

Project Bid Amount: \$1,000.00

Cost Share Requested: \$ 750.00

A motion was made by Roberts to encumber \$750.00 for CS #18-16, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #19-16 Carmen Reckard

Project: Streambank Restoration

Project Bid Amount: \$4,000.00

Cost Share Requested: \$3,000.00

A motion was made by Roberts to encumber \$3,000.00 for CS #19-16, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendments

CS #9-14-1 Tim Holm

Project: Well Sealing

Project Bid Amount: \$1,100.00

Cost Share Requested: \$ 550.00

Time Amendment: Time 12/31/16

A motion was made by Meschke to approve Time Amendment for CS #9-14-1, second by Beckman.

~~Motion carried unanimously.~~

CS #9-14-1-2 Tim Holm

Project: Well Sealing

Project Bid Amount: \$1,100.00

Cost Share Requested: \$550.00

Cost Amendment: \$250.00

Project Total Cost: \$800.00

A motion was made by Beckman to approve Cost Amendment increase for CS #9-14-1-2, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Completed Projects:

CS #4-15 Irene Shoen

Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,900.00
Cost Share Requested: \$ 950.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$1,725.00
Cost Share Due: \$ 862.00
Slippage: \$ 88.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve payment of \$862.00 for CS #4-15, second by Beckman.
Motion carried unanimously.

CWF

Partial Payment:

#3-14-SWT Gerald Lorenz

Project: Wetland

Special meeting with be scheduled when project is finalized.

Grant Programs

MDA Bioreactor Grant Amendment

This amendment adds the University of Minnesota as a subcontractor. A motion was made by Meschke to approve the amendment, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Walk In Access

A motion was made by Roberts to approve the Walk In Access (WIA) grant amendment, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Legislative days

Brenke and Johanson attended Legislative Days March 21-22. Martin and Faribault partnered and discussed buffers and funding for CREP/RIM with local legislators.

Seasonal Staff/Independent Contractors

Brenke discussed contracting with a person to propagate native orchids under the District's LCCMR grant.

Buffers

Met with County staff on the buffer legislation.

Outreach Coordinator Position

Job announcement has been posted.

New Business

NACD Dues

A motion was made by Meschke to approve paying NACD Dues of \$775.00, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 Financial Statements

A motion was made by Meschke to approve 2015 Financial Statements, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Biennial Budget Request (BBR)

A motion was made by Roberts to accept the proposed BBR with additions as discussed, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

MASWCD Resolutions

Bring any Resolution ideas to the next board meeting.

Supervisor Filings

There are two seats (Districts 1 and 3) up for election. The filing dates are May 17-31, 2016.

Reports

Special Meetings

None

County Commissioner Report – Flohrs

Drainage systems 29 and 67 are being worked on.

Weed control contracts were approved.

Cedar Park bathrooms are finished.

Joint Transit system is working well.

Kinship and Mentoring programs will be partnering as one countywide.

Bids are being accepted on JD51 project.

District Conservationist Report – Cottrell

Attending a CPR training.

CSP has been the main priority and CRP and 1026's are a second priority currently.

RCPP Certainty deadline is April 15 for 2016.

EQIP applications are all approved.

Reggie Liddell has accepted a DC position in Mankato MN.

District Manager Report – Brenke

See handout

Water Plan Advisory Committee – Beckman

Next meeting will be in late June.

Water Plan/WCA Report

Scoping document has been approved.

SCTSA

No meeting

GBERBA – Roberts

Next meeting is May 13.

Adjourn

Motion by Roberts, second by Meschke to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:54am.

Respectfully submitted,

_____ Date Approved _____ Secretary-Treasurer