



MINNESOTA SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the October 13, 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, Clair Schmidt Jr. – Vice Chair, Linda Meschke – Member,
Darwin Roberts – Member

Members Absent: Judy Beckman – Member

Others Present: Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Steve Flohrs – County Commissioner, Jesse
Walters – Outreach Coordinator, Greg Johanson – Farm Bill Technician, Betsy
Norland – NRCS DC, Rich Perrine – Technician, and Dustin Benes – Technician

Changes or Additions to Agenda

Old Business

New Business

Ag BMP Loan
Non-structural BMP's

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the September 8, 2016 Secretary's Report, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills to Pay

No new bills to pay.

Programs

Cost-Share Programs

State Cost-Share

Completed Projects

CS #22-14 Jim Polzine
Project: Well Sealing

Township: Fox Lake
Project Bid Amount: \$815.00
Cost Share Requested: \$407.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$792.50
Cost Share Due: \$396.00
Slippage: \$11.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve payment of \$396.00 for CS #22-14, second by Roberts.
Motion carried unanimously.

CS #12-16 LaVonne Ziemann
Project: Well Sealing
Township: Rolling Green
Project Bid Amount: \$750.00
Cost Share Requested: \$375.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$750.00
Cost Share Due: \$375.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve payment of \$375.00 for CS #12-16, second by Meschke.
Motion carried unanimously.

New Projects

CS #23-14x Barb Detloff
Township: Westford
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,225.00
Cost Share Requested: \$ 612.00

A motion was made by Roberts to encumber \$612.00 for CS #23-14x, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #2-17 Amanda Meger
Township: Rolling Green
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$700.00
Cost Share Requested: \$350.00

A motion was made by Roberts to encumber \$350.00 for CS #2-17, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #3-17 Marv Schultze 1
Township: Tenhassen
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$600.00
Cost Share Requested: \$300.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to encumber \$300.00 for CS #3-17, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #4-17 Marv Schultze 2
Township: Tenhassen
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$600.00
Cost Share requested: \$300.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to encumber \$300.00 for CS #4-17, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #5-17 Dennis Krueger
Township: Galena
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$682.50
Cost Share Requested: \$341.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$341.00 for CS #5-17, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

CWF

Amendment

CWF #2-13-1 Darwin Roberts
Township: Center Creek
Project: Streambank
Project Bid Amount: \$23,600.00
Cost Share Requested: \$17,700.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$60,000.00
Amendment Cost: \$27,300.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve cost amendment of \$27,300.00 for CWF #2-13-1, second by Schmidt. Motion carried. Roberts abstained.

CWF R&G-13-46-02 Larry Cowing
Township: Center Creek
Project: Grade Stabilization
Project Bid Amount: \$65,000.00
Cost Share Requested: \$50,000.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$55,555.00
Cost Amendment: 77% to 90%
Time Amendment: 12/8/16

A motion was made by Meschke to approve a onetime cost amendment from 77% to 90% for CWF R&G-13-46-02, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roberts to approve a 7 day time amendment until 12/8/2016, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Cancellation

CWF #4-14-Well Sahra Vega
Township: Center Creek
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$2,070.00
Cost Share Requested: \$1,000.00

Contract deadline is 12/31/2016. More discussion at the November 10, 2016 Board meeting. Roberts will talk with the City of Granada. The District will send a registered letter.

No motion:

New Projects

CWF #12-14x Richard Palmer
Township: Center Creek
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$3,440.00
Cost Share Requested: \$1,000.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to encumber \$1,000.00 for CWF #12-14x, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

CS #6-17 Karen Steinberg
Township: Fox Lake
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,525.00
Cost Share Requested: \$ 762.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$762.00 for CS #6-17, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

CWMA

New Projects

W02-14 City of Mountain Lake
Township: Midway
Project: Weed Management
Project Bid Amount: \$7,850.00
Cost Share Requested: \$4,425.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$4,425.00 for W02-14, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

W03-14 Jerry Gray
Township: Westford
Project: Weed Management
Project Bid Amount: \$6,000.00
Cost Share Requested: \$4,500.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to encumber \$4,500.00 for W03-14, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

W02-16 SHEEK
Township: Elm Creek
Project: Weed Management
Project Bid Amount: \$4,000.00
Cost Share Requested: \$3,000.00

A motion was made by Roberts to encumber \$3,000.00 for W02-16, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Buffer Initiative

BWSR has developed a buffer compliance tracking tool called BuffCAT. This will document the number of parcels that are in compliance before the law and how many are in compliance after the law.

Request to BWSR for funding up to \$35,000.00 and a checklist of actions. Discussion about reimbursing Mike Forstner for his time working on the buffers.

A motion was made by Meschke to submit a request to BWSR for the full amount of \$35,000.00 and check all actions, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Survey Equipment

Price quote from Frontier Precision for survey grade R10 Trimble was handed out. Cost \$32,408.60 plus we will need to have internet access to operate. The District will check out options for internet.

A motion was made by Meschke to purchase the R10 from Frontier Precision plus what is needed to operate unit, second by Schmidt. Meschke, Ask, and Schmidt in favor. Roberts opposed. Motion carried.

AgBMP Loan

Currently we have \$1.2 million available in the revolving AgBMP loan fund. \$300,000.00 will go back into the state pool to be used by Districts that have a shortage of funds.

A motion was made by Meschke to send back \$300,000.00, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Plan & WCA Service Agreements

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the service agreements with the County for the Water Plan & WCA, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference

Perrine has been asked to speak at the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference in La Crosse Wisconsin on October 17th through the 19th. Admission for the conference is \$325.00.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve payment of \$325.00 for admission, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

MASWCD Annual Convention

Registration for the MASWCD Annual Convention is open.

The District will pay for the Jon Helvig family to attend, if they are available.

Resolution Packets

Resolution packets were handed out and the ballot signed.

Non Structural BMP's

Funding for Cover Crops is potentially available through State Cost Share funds depending on local policies set.

We need to follow NRCS EQIP rates and have a 3 year contract (allow field rotation).

We will target geography, soil types, and/or canning crop producers.

Clean Water Funds could be future funding source.

Discussion about Buffer incentive which would allow \$200.00 an acre to seed a 4 species mix – need to ask if grazing/haying would be allowable.

A motion was made by Roberts to approve a policy for cover crops, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Special Meetings

MN River Congress - Meschke

The next meeting of the MN River Congress will be November 17, 2016.

County Commissioner Report – Flöhrs

County Ditch 350 project in Cedar Township is up and going.

The County has set a 7.6 preliminary levy.

Veteran service office still searching for a home.

District Conservationist Report – Norland

Verbal and written reports were given.

Civil Rights, EEO discussion with partners. Civil Rights responsibilities for partners checklist was reviewed and completed. Affirmation of review, signed by SWCD Board Members and DC.

District Manager Report – Brenke

See handout

Tree wrap rolls of corrugated plastic was found through a company in Minneapolis, MDI. \$500.00 minimum order. We have a customer who already wants 100 feet of the product.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve purchasing 2 rolls plus shipping for \$519.00, second by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Plan Advisory Committee

No meeting

Water Plan/WCA Report - Brenke

The Southern Region BWSR committee will be reviewing the Water Plan on November 4, 2016.

SCTSA – Ask

Ask attended a TSA meeting on September 13.

They have hired two new employees, an engineering technician and an administrator.

The GIS Technician gave a presentation on the new buffer tool, BuffCAT.

GBERBA – Roberts

Executive meeting will be held on October 14, and Technical meeting will be held on October 19, 2016.

More discussion on cell phones at the November meeting.

Adjourn

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,

_____ Date Approved

_____ Secretary-Treasurer