



**MINNESOTA
SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

*Minutes of the June 14, 2018 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 – Chair, Larry Cowing – Vice Chair, Linda Meschke – member,
and Tyler Ask – member

Absent: Clair Schmidt – member

Others present: Steve Flohrs – County Commissioner Liaison, Jordan Luciano – Conservation Corps
Intern, Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Betsy Norland – District Conservationist,
and Greg Johanson – Farm Bill Technician

**Changes or Additions to Agenda
New Business**

Cover Crops

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

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the May 10, 2018 Secretary's Report, second by Cowing.
Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cowing to approve the May 23, 2018 Special Meeting, second by Meschke.
Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

Additional Bills

No additional bills to pay

Programs

Cost-Share Programs

State Cost-Share

Amendment

CS #6-18 Roger Whitman

Township: East Chain
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,260.00
Cost Share Requested: \$630.00
Amendment Cost: + \$213.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the cost amendment for CS #6-18, second by Cowing.
Motion carried unanimously.

Completed Projects

CS #6-18 Roger Whitman
Township: East Chain
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,687.50
Cost Share Requested: \$843.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$1,687.50
Cost Share due: \$843.00

A motion was made by Ask to approve payment of \$843.00 for CS #6-18, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Capacity – Clean Water Funds

New Projects

CF #4-17 Dean Weiss
Township: Manyaska
Project: Cover Crops
Project Bid Amount: \$6,150.00
Cost Share Requested: \$6,150.00

A motion was made by Cowing to encumber \$6,150.00 for CF #4-17, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Programs

DNR Well Program

The MN DNR has a contract for Observation Well Groundwater level monitoring for 15 wells located in Martin County, payment of \$1,440.00 for monitoring. A motion was made by Meschke to approve the DNR contract, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Farm Bill Assistance

BWSR awarded us with a Farm Bill Assistance grant in the amount of \$29,250.00. A motion was made by Ask to approve the Farm Bill Assistance Grant contingent on receiving the paperwork, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Reconciliation

The District passed a recent grant reconciliation for the FY2016 Capacity grant. A formal report will be available next month. A motion was made by Meschke to approve the interim financial report for the grant as part of the reconciliation, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Watershed Conservation Planner

An update on the Watershed Conservation Planner position, contribution agreement between NRCS and BWSR.

319 Application

A statement of interest was submitted for the Dutch Creek watershed, more information is needed but still moving forward.

New Business

Area VI Meeting

The next Area VI meeting will be June 21 in Courtland MN. Two Supervisors and two staff plan on attending.

2019 Budget

Additional dollar for dollar match is available from the State. An additional \$3,000.00 from the State to the budget if the County would pass an additional \$3,000.00. A motion was made by Ask to add \$3,000.00 to the budget, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Cover Crops

This year with some preventative plantings, cover crop funds are NOT eligible for preventative planting. A motion was made by Meschke to deny using cover crop funds for preventative planting, second by Cowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Special Meetings

Conservation Alliance Picnic

An invitation to the Martin County Conservation Alliance meeting and picnic starting at 5:00 pm on 6/26/2018 at Everett Park.

Nobel Conference – Beckman

The Nobel Conference on soils will be a two day event October 2-3. There are preview events July 12-13.

Locally Led Workshop

Locally led workshops, put on by BWSR and NRCS, will be held June through August. Betsy and Ashley will be attending the August workshop in Marshall

Masters' Degree Presentation - Meschke

Charlene Brooks is working on her Masters and recently presented her thesis, which includes her work in the Elm Creek Watershed.

County Commissioner - Flohrs

Commissioners have been working on drainage projects and the County Budget.

District Conservationist Report - Norland

See handout.

District Manager Report - Brenke

See handout.

Water Plan Committee - Beckman

Next Water Plan meeting will be a tour on June 28, 2018.

Water Plan/WCA Report - Perrine

Nothing additional

SCTSA

Next South Central TSA meeting is June 19.

GBERBA - Ask

Next Technical meeting will be on June 27. The next Policy and Technical meeting is July 13.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ask to adjourn the meeting, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

July 12, 2018 Date Approved Austin Benes Secretary-Treasurer