



**MINNESOTA
SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

*Minutes of the November 8, 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 – President, Linda Meschke – member, and Clair Schmidt, Jr. – member

Absent: Larry Cowing – Vice President and Tyler Ask – member

Others present: Steve Flohrs – County Commissioner Liaison, Betsy Norland – District Conservationist, Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Hannah Neusch – Conservation Planner Blue Earth River Watershed, Greg Johanson – Farm Bill Technician, and Dustin Benes – Technician

Changes or Additions to Agenda

New Business
GIS Licensure
NACD Survey

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

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the October 11, 2018 Secretary's Report, second by Schmidt. 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 additional bills to pay

Programs

Cost-Share Programs

State Cost-Share

Completed Projects

CS #28-16x Richard Findley
Township: Center Creek
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,725.00
Cost Share Requested: \$862.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$1,075.00
Cost Share Due: \$537.00
Slippage: \$325.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve payment of \$537.00 for CS #28-16x, second by Schmidt.
Motion carried unanimously.

CS #5-18 Ken Goerndt
Township: Pleasant Prairie
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$675.00
Cost Share Requested: \$337.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$675.00
Cost Share Due: \$337.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve payment of \$337.00 for CS #5-18, second by Meschke.
Motion carried unanimously.

CS #13-18x Ben Scholl
Township: Cedar
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$2,385.00
Cost Share Requested: \$1,000.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$2,257.50
Cost Share Due: \$1,000.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve payment of \$1,000.00 for CS #13-18x, second by Schmidt.
Motion carried unanimously.

CS #15-18 Shirley Kittleson
Township: Lake Belt
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,330.00
Cost Share Requested: \$665.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$1,285.00
Cost Share Due: \$642.00
Slippage: \$23.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve payment of \$642.00 for CS #15-18, second by Meschke.
Motion carried unanimously.

New Projects

CS #20-18 Bruce Ziemann
Township: Rolling Green
Project: Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,292.50

Cost Share Requested: \$646.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$646.00 for CS #20-18, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Capacity – Clean Water Funds

Completed Projects

CF #2-18 Kermit Carlson
Township: Galena
Project: Cover Crops
Project Bid Amount: \$9,225.00
Cost Share Requested: \$9,225.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$9,225.00
Cost Share Due: \$9,225.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve payment of \$9,225.00 for CF #2-18, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperative Weed Management Area

Completed Projects

W03-16 SHEEK
Township: Elm Creek
Project: CWMA
Project Bid Amount: \$4,000.00
Cost Share Requested: \$3,000.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$11,011.59
Cost Share Due: \$3,000.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve payment of \$3,000.00 for W03-16, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

W04-16 James Vonderharr
Township: Lime (Blue Earth County)
Project: CWMA
Project Bid Amount: \$6,250.00
Cost Share Requested: \$4,687.50
Eligible Project Cost: \$6,335.00
Cost Share Due: \$4,687.50

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve payment of \$4,687.50 for W04-16, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Buffer Cost Share

Completed Projects

BCS #13-18 Valley News
Township: Westford
Project: Buffer
Project Bid Amount: \$150.00
Cost Share Requested: \$150.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$150.00
Cost Share Due: \$150.00

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve payment of \$150.00 for BCS #13-18, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Programs

DRAP

An extension for Flood Funds has been accepted.

Old Business

Area 6 meeting

Martin SWCD is hosting the November 27 Area 6 meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont.

Office Lease/Remodel

Tech Builders is working on the office design, no estimates yet.

MASWCD Convention

The MASWCD State Convention will be held December 9 – 11, 2018. Gerald Lorenz is the Area 6 Conservationist winner. Three staff will attend the convention plus Lorenz.

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve paying expenses for three staff plus Lorenz to attend the State Convention, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

SCTSA GIS Funds

Funds are available through SCTSA to use towards GIS updates. A Spatial Analysis Licensure for access to additional tools for designing waterways and other projects.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve purchasing a spatial analysis licensure through SCTSA GIS funds, second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Tree Program Prices

Discussion on our tree pricing and plans for tree planting.

Dental Insurance

Discussion on Dental Insurance options. District would be required to pay a minimum of 50% up to 90% for dental insurance under PEIP.

319 Grant

The 319 Grant application submitted for the Fairmont Chain of Lakes and the Dutch Creek watershed has been accepted. BMP implementation projects would include grassed waterways, WASCOD, and cover crops.

Reports

Special Meetings

Soil Health Conference – Beckman

Very informative, would recommend to others. Next year's conference is on climate change

County Commissioner Report – Flohrs

Discussion about the Fairmont Community Center and Drainage.

County budget set a levy at 2.94%, additional match for Martin SWCD is included.

District Conservationist Report – Norland

See handout.

District Manager Report - Brenke

See handout.

Water Plan Advisory Committee – Beckman

Next meeting will be in December, date not set yet.

Water Plan/WCA Report – Benes

Two Notice of Applications have been sent out by the City of Fairmont and are being reviewed. One is for the I-90 bike trail and one for the Fairmont Community Center.

GBERBA

Next Technical and Executive meeting will be December 19, 2018.

Joint meeting

A Joint meeting with County Commissioners and Martin SWCD is being planned.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Meschke to adjourn meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

_____ Date Approved _____ Secretary-Treasurer