



MINNESOTA SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the August 8, 2019 Board Meeting Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Fairmont, Minnesota

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

Members present: Larry Cowing – Chair, Linda Meschke – Vice Chair, Judy Beckman – member, and Tyler Ask – member

Absent: Clair Schmidt – member

Others present: Steve Flohrs – County Commissioner Liaison, Ashley Brenke – District Manager, Chantell Kahler Royer – Citizen, Greg Johanson – Farm Bill Technician, and Dustin Benes – Technician

Changes or Additions to Agenda

New Business

Blandin's Training

Tractor and seeder quotes

A motion was made by Ask 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 July 11, 2019 Secretary's Report, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills to Pay

Martin County Recorder, \$46.00 for recording a CREP Easement.

A motion was made by Meschke, to approve payment of \$46.00 to the Martin County Recorder's office, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost-Share Programs

Well Sealing – Clean Water Funds

New Projects

CWF #3-19-Well Hugoson Pork
Township: East Chain
Project: 12" Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,007.50
Cost Share Requested: \$ 503.00

A motion was made by Ask to encumber \$503.00 for CWF #3-19-Well, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

CWF #4-19-Well Rod & Katie Ask
Township: Lake Fremont
Project: 16" Well Sealing
Project Bid Amount: \$1,236.00
Cost Share Requested: \$ 618.00

A motion was made by Meschke to encumber \$618.00 for CWF #4-19-Well, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Capacity Funding

Completed Project

CF #5-19 Butler Farms Inc.
Township: Nashville
Project: Cover Crop 3 year 80 Acres
Project Bid Amount: \$14,700.00
Cost Share Requested: \$14,700.00
Eligible Project Cost: \$14,700.00

A motion was made by Meschke to approve payment of \$14,700.00 for CF #5-19, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Programs

BWSR Operations Grant

BWSR has approved State Cost Share for \$17,945.00 and Conservation Delivery for \$18,908.

A motion was made by Ask to approve the Grant, second by Meschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Planner Grant

The Conservation Planner Grant amendment funds for approximately \$157,000.00 will be arriving soon.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve the Conservation Planner Grant amendment contingent all criteria is correct, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Future One Watershed, One Plans

Brenke gave an update on the Watonwan 1W1P. The LeSueur 1W1P will start soon. Discussion about GBERBA having a Joint Powers agreement for watershed implementation funds. They have the ability to handle the grant reporting and funds. The topic should get discussed at the next GBERBA meeting. Des Moines 1W1P will begin in 2020.

New Business

Blandin Community Leadership Program

Meschke is on the committee for the leadership training. Walters was nominated to attend the training but has other commitments. Anyone else interested in attending, an application will need to be submitted.

Tractor and Seeders

There is an increased need for our seeding services due to the interest in CREP and CRP. Updated equipment and a tractor would allow staff to seed the large number of acres enrolling in conservation programs.

Octane motor sports gave a quote to replace the worn out motor on the Vicon seeder with a new one for \$1,198.00 installed.

A motion was made by Ask to approve payment of \$1,198 once installed, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Johanson received a quote from Truman C&B Operations for a JD 3033 with loader. Tractor would be used for tree planting and seeding with broadcast seeder and drills. Cost for the tractor is \$22,922 plus freight. Capacity funds can be used for the tractor.

A motion was made by Meschke to approve purchasing the JD 3033 with the loader, second by Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

Johanson received a quote for a HURD broadcast seeder. This seeder has a 14 bushel capacity and attaches with a 3 point attachment. Cost for the seeder is \$2,200. Capacity funds can be used for the seeder.

A motion was made by Beckman to approve purchasing the HURD seeder, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding Conservationist

MASWCD has asked for our Outstanding Conservationist nomination.

A motion was made by Meschke to nominate Krusemark Farms as Martin County's Outstanding Conservationist, second by Ask. Motion carried unanimously.

Martin County Fair Schedule

The Martin County Fair Booth signup is out, please sign up for a shift to work at the Fair.

Environmental Awareness Day

The date for Environmental Awareness Day is Tuesday, September 17. So far The DNR Fisheries, MPCA, and the Raptor Center will be presenting. We are working to fill one more presentation spot.

Soil Health Field Day

The MN Soil Health Coalition is hosting a field day in Redwood Falls on August 16.

Governance 101

MASWCD is hosting a Governance 101 for supervisors and staff on September 12 & 13.

Reports

Special Meetings

Area VI meeting – Beckman

Beckman and Johanson attended the Area VI meeting. Discussion was on water storage from the MN River Congress. Resolution did not pass. No resolutions were approved to move forward.

This year's scholarship winner presented her winning essay on Pollinators.

Nobel Conference – Beckman

Beckman will be attending the Nobel Conference 55, Climate Changed: Facing our future. Conference will take place on September 24 & 25.

County Commissioner Report - Flohrs

The Commissioners are currently working on budget allocations.
Repair work to the Courthouse for tuck pointing was approved.
The new HR staff person is working out well.

District Conservationist Report

Brenke reported NRCS has been busy with CRP acres. SWCD staff will be working on CRP plans, MASWCD will be paying SWCD \$440.00 per plan above our Operational Agreement commitment.

District Manager Report – Brenke

See Handout.

Water Plan Advisory Committee – Beckman

Next Water Plan meeting will be September 19 at the SWCD office at 7:00 pm.

SCTSA

TSA engineers will be looking at repair projects for existing CREP sites. No SCTSA meeting.

GBERBA

The last meetings discussion was on One Watershed One Plan and Faribault County's Soil Health Team. The next GBERBA Executive and Technical meeting will be August 28.

Adjourn

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sept. 12, 2019 Date Approved Austin Bevels Secretary-Treasurer

Martin Soil & Water Conservation District
Treasurer's Financial Report
8/31/2019

A. Balance on Hand July 31, 2019	\$	541,259.06
Total Receipts ending 8/31/19	\$	54,662.53
Less Total Expenditures ending 8/31/19	\$	(61,927.03)
	\$	533,994.56

B. Accounts Payable

City of Lakes Media - AIS ads		150.00
Fleet & Farm Supply - Field supplies		1.26
Martin County - Summer Youth Internship Program		500.00
Esri - ArcGIS		1,472.23
Dustin Benes - Expense reimbursement		101.40
Boekett Building Supply Inc		58.05
Frontier Telephone		289.19
Prairie Ecology Bus - AIS program at Fair		1,200.00
Fairmont Photo Press - Outreach materials		249.46
Verizon Wireless		125.54
River Bend - Office supplies		71.50
Lake SWCD - LCCMR		5,682.97
MVTL Laboratories - Water samples		207.60
Martin Co Hwy Dept - Fuel		256.01
	\$	10,365.21

C. Accounts Receivable

Jason Rose		168.00
Dee Shell		691.12
	\$	859.12

Bills paid as of 8/31/19

#11331	Arthur Andrews Properties, LLC	2,962.53
#11332	NCPERS - Life insurance	16.00
#11333	Greg Johanson - net wages	1,694.01
#11334	Dustin Benes - net wages	1,254.53
#11335	Jesse Walters - net wages	1,258.97
#11336	Hannah Neusch - net wages	1,167.53
#11337	Ashley Brenke - net wages	1,617.48
#11338	Martin County Fair - additional passes	40.00
ACH	Further - Health Savings Account	1,000.00
#11339	Judy Beckman - Supervisor Compensation	315.45
#11340	Linda Meschke - Supervisor Compensation	344.45
#11341	Tyler Ask - Supervisor Compensation	419.85

#11342	Clair Schmidt Jr. - Supervisor Compensation	186.72
#11343	Larry Cowing - Supervisor Compensation	363.01
#11344	Void	-
#11345	Martin County Recorder - RIM easement	46.00
#11346	Fairmont Photo Press	71.30
#11347	River Bend Business Products	68.00
#11348	Graham Tire	25.00
#11349	City of Lakes Media - KSUM KFMC AIS ads	480.00
#11350	Minnesota Valley Testing Labs - Water samples	569.40
ACH	PERA	145.00
ACH	PERA	1,354.86
#11351	Wildlife Forever - AIS Supplies	948.72
#11352	Renville SWCD - Soil Health Training	20.00
#11353	Hannah Neusch - Expense reimbursement	621.49
#11354	Dustin Benes - Expense reimbursement	44.06
#11355	Verizon Wireless	125.54
#11356	Frontier Telephone	288.19
#11357	Martin Co Hwy Dept - Fuel	227.17
#11358	Visual Identity Vault - AIS outreach	1,124.68
ACH	U.S. Treasurer	8,045.68
#11359	MN PEIP - Health insurance	3,404.24
#11360	MASWCD - Governance 101	250.00
#11361	Butler Farms Inc. - Cost share	14,700.00
ACH	MN Revenue	1,295.51
#11362	Regents of the University of Minnesota - Raptor Center EA day	1,087.92
#11363	Greg Johanson - net wages	1,694.01
#11364	Dustin Benes - net wages	1,254.53
#11365	Jesse Walters - net wages	1,258.97
#11366	Hannah Neusch - net wages	1,167.53
#11367	Ashley Brenke - net wages	1,617.48
#11368	Hy-Vee	1.99
#11369	Greg Johanson - net wages	1,810.92
#11370	Dustin Benes - net wages	1,372.43
#11371	Jesse Walters - net wages	1,258.97
#11372	Hannah Neusch - net wages	1,289.43
#11373	Ashley Brenke - net wages	1,617.48
		<u>\$ 61,927.03</u>

Receipts as of 8/31/19

BWSR - Conservation Delivery	18,908.00
BWSR - State Cost Share	17,945.00
Drill rental and seedings	4,128.85
BWSR - CREP staff	4,600.00

BWSR - Farm Bill Technician	7,834.00
DNR - Observation Wells contract	1,080.00
State Bank of Fairmont - checking account interest	166.68
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	\$ 54,662.53
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Treasurer's Monthly Report
Program Summary
8/31/2019

Fund Account	Cash Balance 7/31/2019	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash Balance 8/31/2019
District Funds	\$ 16,212.15	\$ 5,375.53 j.c. 12,692.90 j.c. 38,218.40	\$ 32,677.54	\$ 39,821.44
County Funds	-	-	-	-
BWSR Service Grant	32,707.00	18,908.00	3,908.00	47,707.00
BWSR - Farm Bill/CREP Grant	(5,986.00)	12,434.00	10,000.00	(3,552.00)
BWSR - Capacity Services T & A	189,706.20	-	14,700.00 j.c. 12,692.90	162,313.30
BWSR - Blue Earth WCPI T & A	122,085.07	-	641.49 j.c. 38,218.40	83,225.18
BWSR - CREP/RIM Grant	(10,251.00)	-	-	(10,251.00)
BWSR State Cost Share FY18 T & A	5,692.50	-	-	5,692.50
BWSR State Cost Share FY19 T & A	16,327.50	-	-	16,327.50
BWSR State Cost Share FY20 T & A	-	17,945.00	-	17,945.00
BWSR - CWMA FY 16 T & A	(2,180.79)	-	-	(2,180.79)
BWSR - Flood T & A	92,219.15	-	-	92,219.15
BWSR - Buffer Funds T & A	55,341.18	-	-	55,341.18
LCCMR	(95,457.65)	-	-	(95,457.65)
BWSR - Buffer Cost Share T & A	843.75	-	-	843.75
BWSR - Well Sealing Grant T & A	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
BWSR - Dutch Creek Grant T & A	119,000.00	-	-	119,000.00
Totals	\$ 541,259.06	\$ 54,662.53	\$ 61,927.03	\$ 533,994.56

Use of Cash	<u>7/31/2019</u>	<u>8/31/2019</u>
Checking Account	390,292.47	383,027.96
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	<u>\$ 541,259.07</u>	<u>\$ 533,994.56</u>