



Brown Soil and Water Conservation District



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Minutes of the January 17, 2018 Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN

Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chair Vogel.

PRESENT

1. Jack Vogel – Chair
2. Gary Rathman – Vice Chair
3. Clem Windschitl – Secretary
4. Jeff Nielsen – Treasurer
5. Greg Roiger – PRI
6. Melanie Krueger – District Manager
7. Dustin Van Thuyne – PF/Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist II
8. Dean Simonsen – Brown County Commissioner Liaison

AGENDA

- ◆ Motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Rathman to accept the agenda as presented.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Consent Agenda items were reviewed. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Rathman to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented which included the December 20, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, the December 2017 Treasurer's Report, the Bills Report dated December 16, 2017 to January 11, 2018, the MASWCD 2018 Membership Dues payment of \$3,438.88, the GBERBA 2018 Membership Dues payment of \$1,348.00, the MCIT 2018 Insurance payment of \$5,719.00, and the Monthly Staff Reports dated December 16, 2017 to January 11, 2018.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

WATER PERMITS/WCA REPORTS

- ◆ District Manager advised there are no new items to report on.

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Cottrell was unable to attend today's meeting as he is finalizing EQIP applications with producers.

PF/FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT

- ◆ Van Thuyne provided a written report and reviewed that with the group.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- ◆ Commissioner Simonsen attended the meeting and gave an update on three ditch redetermination hearings that were held yesterday where several questions were discussed on alfalfa, seed mixes, and landowners planting their own ditch buffer strip, and also advised the landfill permit is moving forward, they are just waiting for the official notice from MPCA. Commissioner was then asked about legislative platform topics and the well testing program that was not accepted and discussion was held. Also discussed were tipping fees on gravel mines in the county. The SWCD Supervisors would like the Commissioners to consider adding them.

COST SHARE

- ◆ Reviewed the cost-share projects status report handout and then Krueger presented cost share contracts for payment approval by the board.
- ◆ A motion was made by Rathman and seconded by Nielsen to approve cost-share payment of \$4,998.75 to Leavenworth Township for contract CAPRZM-FY16-02. This is for a streambank protection project completed in Leavenworth 8. Final cost of the project was \$6,665.00. Bill Moldestad was technical representative. Payment will be made using the FY16 Capacity Grant Riparian Zone Management Cost Share funds.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Windschitl to approve cost-share payment of \$5,287.50 to Cottonwood Township for contract CAPSE-FY16-03. This is for a lined waterway project completed in Cottonwood 17. Final cost of the project was \$7,050.00. SCTSA was technical representative. Payment will be made using the FY16 Capacity Grant Soil Erosion Cost Share funds.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ None

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **FY17 Buffer Law Grant Final Report:** District Manager reviewed use of the FY17 Buffer Law grant funds and final report details. A motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Rathman to approve the final grant report and authorize signature.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **FY17 Conservation Delivery Grant Final Report:** District Manager reviewed use of the FY17 Conservation Delivery grant funds and final report details. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Windschitl to approve the final grant report and authorize signature.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
Opposed: None; Motion Carried
- ◆ **Meeting Reports:**
 - ◇ Krueger attended a Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee meeting on January 3 in Mankato and gave an update of that meeting and also advised details about the upcoming meeting for supervisors on January 31 and provided copies of handouts for that meeting.

- ◇ Roiger attended the RCRCA meeting on January 4 in Marshall and shared a report with the group.
- ◇ Windschitl attended the GBERBA Policy meeting on January 12 in Mankato and provided a report.
- ◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Windschitl to approve/attend the following upcoming meetings/events:
 - ◇ Wednesday, January 31 – Watonwan Watershed 1W1P Informal Supervisor and Commissioner Meeting, St James (Windschitl, Rathman)
 - ◇ Thursday, February 1 – RCRCA Board Meeting, Redwood (Nielsen)
 - ◇ Monday, February 19 – President's Day Holiday (Office Closed)
 - ◇ Tuesday, February 13 – Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 9:30am
 - Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Nielsen, Roiger
 - Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned – 4:01pm

Secretary:  Date: 2-13-18