



Sibley SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil and Water Conservation District, 111 6th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334,
August 10, 2016.

Meeting was called to order by Chair – Nielsen at 4:00 P.M.

Members Present: Chair, Robert Nielsen
Vice-Chair, Wayne Grams - Absent
Secretary, Kathleen Thies
Treasurer, Gary Schafer
Member, Paul Wiemann

Others Present: District Technician/Water Planner, Ron Otto
District Technician, Joel Wurscher
NRCS District Conservationist, April Sullivan
Nicollet/Sibley Administrative Assistant, Melissa Lancaster - Absent
District Manager, Kevin Ostermann
Rush River/High Island Coordinator, Colten Dreger

Upon a motion by Schafer and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the minutes of the July 2016 meeting. Ayes Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried

Upon a motion by Schafer and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve 21 paid bills for July 2016 totaling \$19,973.79. Ayes Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried

Upon a motion by Schafer and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the August 2016 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ayes, Schafer Wiemann, Thies, Nielsen. Carried

Old Business: none

2017 Budget: Ostermann presented the 2017 budget to the Board for review and discussion. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Schafer it was approved to forward to Sibley County. Ayes, Schafer, Wiemann, Thies, Nielson. Carried

Conservation Farmer: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Schafer it was approved to nominate Curtis and Lori Weckwerth as the Sibley County Conservation Farmers for 2017. Ayes, Schafer, Wiemann, Thies, Nielsen. Carried

Amendment Capacity Grant: The staff presented to the board an amendment for the FY16 Capacity Grant to increase in the grant amount by \$25,337. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies it was moved to sign the grant agreement amendment. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann. Carried

Cost Share:

Cost-Share contract FY15-10 for Elaine Woods, Well-Decommissioning project is complete. Final payment amount is \$500.00 (FY15) with TA of \$125.00 (FY15). Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Schafer it was approved to pay FY15-10 Elaine Woods \$500.00 with TA of \$125.00. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann. Carried

A request was presented to the Board to enter into a Cost-Share contract with Dorvin Matthiessen Rev. Trust FY14-22, FY15-11 for Well Decommissioning on his property. Total estimated cost is \$1,000.00. Cost share of \$25.75 (FY14) and \$474.25(FY15) with TA of \$125.00 (FY15). Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Schafer it was moved to allocate \$1,000.00 for this project with TA of \$125.00 from FY14-22, FY15-11. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann. Carried

A request was presented to the Board to enter into a Cost-Share contract with Sylvia Reinhardt FR14-9 for Grade Stabilization on her property. Total estimated costs of the project is \$19,060.00 with Cost-Share approval up to \$19,500.00 (FR14) and TA of \$4,875.00 (FR14). Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to allocate \$19,500.00 for this project with TA of \$4,875.00 for Sylvia Reinhardt FR14-9. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann. Carried

A request was presented to the Board to enter into a Cost-Share contract with Alice Pfarr FY15-12 for Well Decommissioning on her property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$1,000.00 with cost share of \$500 (FY15) and TA of \$125.00 (FY15). Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann it was approved to allocate \$1,000.00 with TA of \$125.00 for Alice Pfarr FY15-12. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann. Carried

A request was presented to the Board to enter into a Cost-Share contract with Jesse Tarnlseth FR14P2-7 for a Water and Sediment Control Structure on his property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$4,899.40 with Cost-Share amount up to \$5,200.00 (FR12P2-7) and TA of \$1,300.00 (FR14P2-7). Upon a motion by Schafer and seconded by Wiemann it was approved to allocate \$5,200.00 with Cost-Share of \$5,200.00 and TA of \$1,300.00. Ayes Neilson, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann. Carried

NRCS Report – April Sullivan– see attached

Supervisor & Staff Report: Wiemann attended the August Nicollet SWCD Board meeting; Schafer attended the buffer meeting in North Mankato; Otto gave a report (see attached sheet); Wurscher reported on WRP monitoring, Tree Program, Buffer meeting and presented a copy of the fall newsletter. Dreger reported that semi- annual reports were approved by MPCA.

Next Meeting: September 13, 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Ayes Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Approved: September 13, 2016

Secretary