



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN 55334,  
September 13, 2016.

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

Members Present:     Chair, Robert Nielsen  
                              Vice-Chair, Wayne Grams  
                              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 Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Schafer, it was moved to approve 22 paid bills for August 2016 totaling \$13,844.72. Ayes Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried

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

**Old Business:** none

### **Cost Share:**

The District received a request from Linda Haupt FR15-13 to enter into a Cost-Share contract for a well-decommissioning on her property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$1,100.00 with Cost-Share amount of \$550.00 and TA of \$137.50. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by

Grams it was moved to approve Linda Haupt FR15-13 Cost-Share assistance of \$550.00 with TA of \$137.50. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried

The District received a request from Lanna Lange FR15-14 to enter into a Cost-Share contract for a well-decommissioning on her property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$600.00 with Cost-Share amount of \$300.00 and TA of \$75.00. Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve Lanna Lange FR15-14 Cost-Share assistance of \$300.00 with TA of \$75.00. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried

The District received a request from Jerome Ehlers FY15-15 to enter into a Cost-Share contract for a well-decommissioning on his property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$697.00 with Cost-Share amount of \$348.50 and TA of \$87.13. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve Jerome Ehlers FY15-15 Cost-Share assistance of \$348.50 with TA of \$87.13. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried

The District received a request from Rodger Slater FR14-4, FR14P2-8 to enter into Cost-Share contract for a grade stabilization structure and waterway on his property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$47,531.00 with cost-share assistance of \$31,063.00 and TA of \$7765.02 (FR14), and \$16,468.00 and TA of \$3,037.48 (FR14-2). Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams it was moved to approve Rodger Slater FR14-4, FR14P2-8 cost-share assistance of \$31,063 with TA of \$7765.02 (FR14) and \$16,468.00 with TA of \$3037.48 (FR14-2). Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried

The Board received an amendment request from Alice Pfarr FY15-12. The request was for an increase in cost-share amount of \$196.50 to cover an increase cost of materials for a well decommissioning on her property. Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve the request. Ayes Neilsin, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Cost-Share contract FY15-12 Alice Pfarr is complete. Landowner is requesting final payment in the amount of \$696.0 with TA of \$174.12 Upon a motion by Schafer and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve Alice Pfarr FY15-12 in the amount of \$696.50 with TA of \$174.12. Ayes Nielsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried

Cost-Share contract FY14-22, FY15-11 Dorvin Matthiesen Rev. Trust is complete. Landowner is requesting final payment in the amount of \$25.75 (FY14), and \$474.25 with TA of \$118.56 (FY15). Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Weimann it was moved to approve Dorvin Matthiesen Rev. Trust for cost-share payment of \$25.75 (FY14), \$474.25 with TA of \$118.56 (FY15). Ayes Neilsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried

**Flood Relief Grant Agreement:** The District received the grant agreement for FY2017 Phase IIIB in the amount of \$42,500.00. Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Weimann it was moved to sign the grant agreement in the amount of \$42,500.00 and forward to BWSR for approval. Ayes Neilsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried

**Implementation Plan for FY 17 cost-share & FY capacity dollars, buffer & cover crops:** The staff presented information on the changes to the FY 17 cost share concerning buffers and cover crops. The staff will work with BWSR and come to the next board meeting with policies regarding cost share dollars to be used for these practices.

**SCTSA Services:** The District received an invoice from SCTSA for \$2614.00 to help cover the cost of the 25% of the SCTSA grant from BWSR. Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Thies it was moved to pay the invoice in the amount of \$2614.00. Ayes Neilsen, Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Grams. Carried

**State Convention:** Upon a motion by Schafer and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve all supervisors and staff to attend the State Convention that will be held at the Double Tree in Bloomington December 4-6<sup>th</sup> 2016. Ayes Schafer, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**GPS Survey Equipment:** The staff talked about the need for another GPS survey equipment since the current equipment is shared between Sibley and Nicollet. Upon a motion by Schafer and seconded by Grams it was moved to purchase another GPS survey equipment with the Nicollet SWCD. Ayes: Grams, Schafer, Wienman, Thies, Nielsen. Carried

**NRCS Report** – April Sullivan reported on CRP sign ups and EQIP applications

**Supervisor & Staff Report:** Dreger reported on the loan program, water sampling, and 319 BMP's

**Next Meeting:** October 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.

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

Approved: September 13, 2016

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Secretary