



**SIBLEY SOIL AND WATER  
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**MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, February 10, 2015**

Members present: Paul Wiemann, Chairman  
Wayne Grams, Secretary  
Kathleen Thies, Treasurer  
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Others present: Loren Evenson, District Manager  
Ron Otto, Water Planner  
Aaron Finke, HIC/RR Watershed Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wiemann at 4:17 P.M.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Grams to approve the January meeting minutes. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Thies to approve the January treasurer's report. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

**NRCS Report**

None

**Water Management Report**

Otto reported to the board about the Aquatic Invasives Summit that he attended in January. Majeski, Environmental Services Director, Otto and Commissioner Cohrs will begin developing the Aquatic Invasive Plan for Sibley County.

Otto has finished all year end eLink and BWSR reports except the SWCD Financial report. The yearend financials have been sent to the auditor and the report will be finished when information has been received from the auditor. All reports will need to be posted to the website by Match 15, 2015.

Otto & Evenson completed and emailed a 21.7 acre RIM application for Ron Weber (Cornish 6).

Otto attended a NRCS Soil Health training at Sauk Rapids on February 4, 2015.

Otto worked on two WCA determinations this past month.

Finke, Watershed Coordinator, reported that the Winter Newsletter was compiled, printed and mailed in January. 2015 Calendars were printed and distributed. Yearend reports were finished and sent to MPCA. He also worked on the 2015 High Island Creek work plan.

### **District Report**

Evenson met with Gary Isaacson on possible RIM or CRP application.

Evenson had several meetings with Ostermann, Nicollet SWCD Manager, concerning the co-location of Sibley and Nicollet SWCDs.

Evenson met with Rich Wehking concerning the areas along the Arhart Easement.

Evenson met two landowners about possible RIM applications.

### **Old Business**

The Sibley SWCD and Nicollet SWCD Board met with the Sibley and Nicollet County Commissioners to explain the co-location agreement that Sibley and Nicollet SWCDs are looking at completing.

The board decided to start the hiring process for a technician. The Board will be working with Ostermann on this position.

Nielsen joined the meeting at 5:13 P.M.

Motion by Grams; seconded by Schafer, to have Sibley SWCD Board Chair Wiemann enter into a contract with Ostermann to provide manager duties to Sibley SWCD beginning March 1, 2015 until a co-location agreement is signed by Sibley and Nicollet SWCDs. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Motion by Grams; seconded by Schafer to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Matt Erickson, Kelso Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$400.00 will be issued for the completion of Contract # FY14-5. The District will retain \$80.00 for technical assistance on the project.

Motion by Thies; seconded by Schafer to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Arlys Graff, Kelso Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$400.00 will be issued for the completion of Contract # FY13-15. The District will retain \$100.00 for technical assistance on the project.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Thies to pay NACD and Area VI dues in the amount of \$775.00 and \$400.00 for 2015. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Grams; seconded by Thies to approve the closeout report of the 2015 Conservation Delivery grant. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – None

**Other Business**

Schafer reported that he, Grams and Thies attended the Legislative Day at the Capitol. The group met with the local legislators and a few metro legislators relaying the message of what SWCD's do.

Motion by Grams; seconded by Nielsen to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 P.M. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

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