



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

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

Members present: Robert Nielsen, Vice Chairman  
Wayne Grams, Secretary  
Kathleen Thies, Treasurer  
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Others present: Loren Evenson, District Manager  
Ron Otto, Water Planner  
Kevin Ostermann, Nicollet SWCD District Manager  
April Sullivan, NRCS

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Nielsen at 4:00 P.M.

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

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

**NRCS Report**

Building space requirements has moved to fourth highest in the state.

Animal Mortality Facilities now need a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan to be eligible for EQIP funding.

Sullivan reported that there are three WRP violations that staff are working with producers to remediate deficiencies.

CSO signup ends March 13, 2015 and CMTs (Conservation Measurement Tool) need to be finished on the 35 applications by April 17, 2015.

**Water Management Report**

Otto reported that Aaron Finke HIC/RR Watershed Coordinator has resigned. His last day was March 6. HIC/RR Watersheds combined JPB met and hired Colton Doering for the Coordinators position. Colton will begin working on March 16, 2015.

The Aquatic Invasive Species committee has met twice this past month. The committee is recommending to the Sibley County Board to hire CROW to write the AIS Management Plan for Sibley County.

Sibley SWCD has received to WCA documents to look at concerning projects in Sibley County.

### **District Report**

The Weber RIM application was denied. Applications with a score of 74 or greater were accepted. The score on Weber's application was 34.

Evenson filed a report with BWSR on flood damage to conservation practices on Sibley County property. About \$440,000.00 was submitted and the state is providing SWCD with \$250,000.00 for repairs. Ranking will need to be done on projects to see which will be funded.

Evenson and Otto have been fielding numerous calls about trees and shrubs.

### **Old Business**

Ostermann presented the shared manager agreement that has been approved by both county attorneys. This document will be signed by the Chairmen of the Nicollet SWCD and the Sibley SWCD.

Wiemann, Nielsen and Ostermann will meet to develop the qualifications needed for the tech position. This will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Thies, to approve the State Cost-Share application of Mary Berg, Green Isle Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Cost share funding in the amount of \$400.00 will be encumbered from 2014 funds (Contract FY # 14-19). The District will retain \$80.00 in Technical Assistance funding for the project.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Thies, to approve the State Cost-Share application of Mary Berg, Green Isle Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Cost share funding in the amount of \$400.00 will be encumbered from 2014 funds (Contract FY # 15-7). The District will retain \$80.00 in Technical Assistance funding for the project.

A motion by Grams, seconded by Thies, to approve the State Cost-Share application of Pete Weber, Washington Lake Township for the construction of a broad-based terrace with tile. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Cost share funding in the amount of

\$4,636.00 will be encumbered from 2014 funds (Contract FY # 15-8). The District will retain \$1,159.00 in Technical Assistance funding for the project.

A motion by Schafer; seconded by Thies to approve the 2014 2014 Sibley SWCD Financial Report. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion by Grams: seconded by Thies, to approve allowing the Sibley SWCD Supervisors to attend the orientation class in New Ulm on April 10, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to noon. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion by Grams: seconded by Thies, to approve allowing the Sibley SWCD Supervisors to attend the Area VI meeting in Brown County on March 25, 2015. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion by Grams: seconded by Schafer, to accept Loren Evenson's retirement as of April 30, 2015. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – None

**Other Business**

Ostermann updated the board on the co-location process.

Motion by Grams; seconded by Schafer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 P.M. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

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