



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,
February 14, 2017.

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, Loren Evenson
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
District Manager, Kevin Ostermann - Absent
Rush River/High Island Coordinator, Coleton Draeger
District Technician - Nicollet SWCD – Blake Honetschlager
Farmbill Technician – Nicollet/ Sibley – Max Ryhkus

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

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson it was moved to approve 21 paid bills for January 2016 totaling \$23,094.56. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the February 2017 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried

Old Business: none

Cost Share: A request was presented to the Board to enter into a Cost-Share Contract with Verne Schlueter FR14P2-10, FR14P3-1 for a Streambank Stabilization on his property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$37,302. Funds broken down as follows: \$28,477.57 (FRP2),

\$8,824.42 (FRP3), and TA of \$1,865.10 (FRP2). Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson it was moved to approve Cost Share Contract FR14P2-10, FR14P3-1 for Verne Schlueter. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

Legislative Days: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to allow all staff and Supervisors to attend the MASWCD Legislative Days that will be held March 20 & 21st in St. Paul. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried

Grants Close Out: Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Evenson Grant Closeouts were approved for the following grants: 2017 Conservation Delivery (Sibley SWCD), 2015 Wetland Conservation Act – NRBG (Sibley County), 2016 Wetland Conservation Act - NRBG (Sibley County), 2015 Local Water Management – NRBG (Sibley County), 2016 Local Water Management – NRBG (Sibley County), 2014 State Cost-Share Fund (Sibley SWCD), 2016 Buffer Law (Sibley SWCD), 2015 Easement Implementation (Sibley SWCD), 2016 Easement Delivery (Sibley SWCD). Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Carried

Commissioner’s Meeting: A motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Thies to allow all Supervisors to attend the Commissioner’s Meeting on February 28th to discuss space and County reorganization. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried

Public Hearing: A motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Thies for a Public Hearing for WCA Appeal for Verne Schlueter to be held on for March 14th at 4:30 p.m. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried

Ag BMP Loan Approval: Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve an Ag BMP Loan for Curtis Cauley in the amount of \$15,000.00. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried

Cost Share Desk Audit: Otto informed the Board and staff of a Cost Share Desk Audit that was conducted by Jennifer Mocal from BWSR. Recommended improvements will be brought to the attention of the Board.

NRCS Report – April Sullivan reported - see attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Otto reported – see attached. Wurschur reported – see attached. Draeger reported on meetings he attended and Watershed Specialist training he attended at the University of Minnesota. Wiemann reported on the MASWCD Chair meeting he attended in New Ulm on February 14th. Thies reported on the Farmland Presentation she attended as well as gave an update on the MASWCD leadership training that she has participated in.

Other Business: On March 21st a buffer meeting will be held at the Winthrop Berdan Center. Nicollet SWCD staff will assist to ensure enough staff will be available to help answer questions.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Approved March 14, 2017

Secretary