



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,
March 14, 2017.

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, 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
Rush River/High Island Coordinator, Coleton Draeger
District Technician - Nicollet SWCD – Blake Honetschlager
County Commissioner, Joy Cohrs
BWSR Wetland Specialist, Kane Radel
Sibley County Attorney: David Schauer
Rinke Noonan Attorney, John Kolb
Landowners, Verne Schleuter

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

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson it was moved to approve 17 paid bills for February 2016 totaling \$19,489.73. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried

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

Old Business: none

Cost Share:

Cost Share Policy: Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Weimann, it was moved to accept the Erosion Control and Water Management Program Policy (see attached). Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried

RIM Joint Powers: Upon a motion by Thies, and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the RIM Joint Powers agreement between the District and the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams, . Carried

Kevin Thies – Ag Certification: Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the \$300.00 processing fee for the Ag Certification Application for Kevin & Kathleen Thies. Ayes Wiemann, Neilsen, Evenson, Grams. Abstained Thies Carried

Area VI Meeting: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve all staff and Supervisors to attend the Area VI Meeting which will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday March 29th at Traxler’s Hunting Preserve in Le Center. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried

Watershed Position: Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve the District Manager to advertise for the Watershed Position the is currently available through the Distirct. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried

Public Hearing: Chair Nielsen at 4:30 open the floor for public meeting concerning the WCA Appeal filed by Mr. Schlueter. Open Meeting was closed at 5:40

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams it was moved to disagree with WCA TEP findings and declare the wetland as a Type I. Sibley County Attorney Mr. Schauer and Attorney John Kolb will formality the findings and fact order to be presented at the next board meeting for final approve. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried

NRCS Report – April Sullivan reported - see attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Otto reported on WCA and buffers; see attached. Wurschur reported on the tree program, buffers and meetings he attended; see attached. Draeger reported on RAPS Project, water monitoring, and a water quality meeting he attended. Draeger and Otto will also attend “Breakfast on the Farm”. Thies reported that she and Lancaster had graduated from the MASWCD Leadership Training.

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: April 11, 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, Grams. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Approved April 11, 2017

Secretary