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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 111 6th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334,
September 12, 2017.

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

Members Present: Chair, Robert Nielsen
 Secretary, Kathleen Thies
 Treasurer, Loren Evenson
 Member, Paul Wiemann

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher
 Watershed Technician/Water Planner, Ron Otto
 NRCS District Conservationist, April Sullivan

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

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the minutes of the August 2017 meeting. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve 37 paid bills for August 2017 totaling \$64,422.32. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

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

Old Business: None.

Cost Share: A request was presented to the Board to enter into a State Cost-Share contract with Dean Messner for a well sealing on his property located near the edge of Gaylord. Dean had a quote from St. Peter Well Drilling Co. of \$1,100.00 total for the project. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the State Cost Share Contract FY17-2 for Dean Messner at 50% or \$550.00, whichever comes in less. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

Wurscher then updated the board on several ongoing construction projects including two grade stabilization structures and a streambank stabilization.

FY18 Riparian Buffer Cost Share Policy: Prior to the board meeting, the proposed policy was mailed out to the board for their review. Wurscher informed the board that he had worked with surrounding

counties to come up with this policy and that he had also been working with BWSR, eventually receiving their approval on the copy that was sent out. After some discussion, a motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Thies to approve the FY18 Riparian Buffer Cost Share Policy as presented to the board. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen. Carried.

FY 2018 & 2019 Grant Agreements: Wurscher presented the grant agreements for State Cost Share 2018 & 2019, Conservation Delivery 2018 & 2019, 2018 Buffer Law, and 2018 Capacity grants. A motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson to approve the FY 2018 & 2019 Grant Agreements presented to the board. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen. Carried.

District Technician & Farmbill Technician Positions: Wurscher stated that both positions start Monday, September 18th. Wurscher stated that CTS recently installed and set up Jeremy's computer at his work station. Wurscher informed the board that he sat in on interviews and that McKoy Rodning was selected as the new Farmbill Technician. Wurscher informed the board that McKoy's position is split between Nicollet and Sibley County. This position is grant funded with cash match allocated from both Sibley and Nicollet SWCDs, as well as Pheasants forever chapters from both counties.

Vehicle: Wurscher sparked up a conversation with the board about the District's vehicle situation. After some discussion, it was decided by the board to act upon the quote for some repairs to the 1999 Ford Wurscher had received from Jon's Fuel and Repair.

Resolutions: Wurscher handed out copies of the 2017 MASWCD Resolution packet. Wurscher informed the board that he has the master ballot. Each board member was sent home with a ballot, to be filled out and given back to the office. Wurscher would then use these votes and enter them in on the master ballot and send that in to MASWCD prior to the November 1st deadline. Board members were instructed to bring the packets to the convention in December.

NRCS Report – Sullivan reported – see attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Otto and Draeger – see attached. Wurscher reported a brief update about CREP and the progress towards compliance to the Buffer Law.

Other Business: None.

Next Meeting: October 10th, 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, Nielsen, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

Approved: October 10, 2017

Secretary