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## MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN 55334,  
February 13, 2018.

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

Members Present: Chair, Wayne Grams  
Vice Chair, Kathleen Thies  
Secretary, Loren Evenson  
Treasurer, Paul Wiemann  
Member, Bob Nielsen

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin  
Watershed Technician/Water Planner, Ron Otto  
Conservation Technician, Erik Goetsch  
District Conservationist - NRCS, April Sullivan  
County Commissioner, Joy Cohrs

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

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the minutes of the January 2018 meeting upon corrections. Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen it was moved to approve 37 paid bills for January 2018 totaling \$46,172.93. Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the February 2018 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen, Wiemann. Carried.

**Old Business:** Wurscher brought to the board an email from supervisor Wiemann discussing the Board Chair having the same rights as the other members. After some discussion it was decided that Wurscher discuss with surrounding counties about their voting policies and bylaws.

**Cost Share:** The District received a request from Clifford Brakke (FY16-4, FY17-3, CAP17-1) to enter into a contract for a Terrace on his property located in Kelso Twp. Estimated costs of the project are \$26,018.30, cost share of \$19,513.73 with TA of \$4,318.81. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve this request. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Grams, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried

A request was made from L&T Pioske Farms (CAP17-2) to enter into a contract for 80 acres of cover crop on several properties located in Sibley & Kelso Twp. Cost share for the cover crops over the 3 year time span is \$10,185.60 with TA of \$1,283.74. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve this request. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Grams, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried

A request was presented to the Board to cancel the Buffer Cost-Share contract with Arden Schuft for 1.49 acres of buffer strip located in Dryden Twp. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to cancel Arden's Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-6). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A fourth request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with James A Mayer for 3.66 acres of buffer strip on his property located in Cornish Twp. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-18) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$1,098.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A fifth request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Curtis Olson for a 1.06 acre buffer strip on her property located in Severance Twp. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-20) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$318.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Another request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Grant Annexstad for 3.22 acres of buffer strip on his property located in Sibley Twp. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-28) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$966.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A seventh request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Gary Klimmek for 0.63 acres of buffer strip on his properties located in Severance Twp. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-29) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$187.50). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Another request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Gary Weckwerth for 1.62 acres of buffer strip on property located in Kelso Twp. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-30) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$486.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A ninth request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Evelyn Gieseke for 2.20 acres of buffer strip on her property located in Arlington Twp. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-31) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$660.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A tenth request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Ron Podratz for 0.48 acres of buffer strip on properties located in Transit Twp. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-32) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$144.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Another request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Ordella Hahn for 0.72 acres of buffer strip on property located in Dryden Twp. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-33) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$216.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Another request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Gary Hahn for 1.43 acres of buffer strip on property located in Dryden Twp. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-34) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$429.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A thirteenth request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Pete Weber for 0.97 acres of buffer strip on his properties located in Green Isle Twp. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-35) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$291.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Another request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Bruce Antonsen for 2.18 acres of buffer strip on property located in Grafton Twp. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-36) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$654.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A fifteenth request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Neyers Inc. for 5.62 acres of buffer strip on their property located in Severance Twp. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-37) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$1,686.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A sixteenth request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Dwayne Ross for 0.49 acres of buffer strip on properties located in Alfsborg Twp. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-38) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$147.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Another request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Fox Ridge Farms LLP for 6.30 acres of buffer strip on property located in Grafton Twp. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-41) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$1,890.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Another request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Fox Ridge Farms for 1.47 acres of buffer strip on property located in Grafton Twp. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-42) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$441.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

A nineteenth request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Robert Fischer for 9.71 acres of buffer strip on her property located in Cornish Twp. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-43) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$2,913.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

An additional request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with JoEllen Fischer for 9.42 acres of buffer strip on properties located in Severance Twp. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-44) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$2,826.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Lastly, a request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with David Lieske for 8.81 acres of buffer strip on his properties located in Sibley/Dryden Twp. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-40) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$2,643.00). Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

**AIS:** Wurscher informed the SWCD board about the latest County Board actions to bring the program down to the SWCD office. Staff talked about trainings and workshops they have attended or will be attending in the near future. Wurscher described entering into a contract with AllOver Media for advertising at gas stations and restaurants around the county.

**Building:** Wurscher informed the board on the current status of the lease and the new signage for the office.

**Sibley County Community & Building Expo:** Grams brought forth a flyer promoting this annual event. After some discussion a motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, to move to approve the district attending/purchasing a booth at the expo. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

**CPL Grant:** Wurscher brought forth to the board a CPL Grant bill from Tony's Outdoor Services in the amount of \$12,000.00. This bill was for his services of brush management on Severance Lake WMA. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to pay Tony's Outdoor Services \$12,000.00. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

**Supervisor & Staff Report:** See attached.

**Other Business:** Wurscher passed around a letter from Kurt Beckstrom (President of MASWCD) addressed to Governor Dayton seeking more stable financial support to the districts.

**Next Meeting:** March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. located at 112 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Ayes Evenson, Nielsen, Wiemann, Thies, Grams. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

Approved: March 13, 2018

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**Secretary**