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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 on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Thies at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair, Kathleen Thies  
Secretary, Paul Wiemann  
Treasurer, Robert Nielsen

**Others Present:** District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin  
Water Resources Coordinator, Jack Bushman  
FSA-County Executive Director, Jennifer King  
NRCS-District Conservationist, Reyna Chavez  
Sibley County Commissioner, Steve Saxton

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the May 2024 agenda as presented. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 2024 meeting. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve thirty-five paid bills for the month of April totaling \$47,370.25. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the May 2024 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

**Old Business:** Wurscher announced the years of service for each Board member and thanked them.

**FSA Report:** See attached.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

### **New Business:**

**Cost Share:** Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve amendment #1 to contract FY23 WBIF-14 increasing the cost share amount to \$29,759.85. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Contract FY23 WBIF-14 for three water and sediment control basins built in Bernadotte Township of Nicollet County was completed in March. The total cost of construction came in at \$67,692.85. Upon a

motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve final payment from WBIF in the amount of \$29,759.85. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

**South Fork Crow River JPCA:** Wurscher informed the Board that the South Fork Crow River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) had been formally approved in March and that the partners within the watershed are now aligning to work on implementation of said plan. Prior to the meeting, Wurscher had sent out a Joint Powers Collaboration Agreement (JPCA) along with a memo drafted by Rinke and Noone for the Board members to review. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to participate in implementation of the South Fork Crow River CWMP and approve the JPCA as presented. Included in the motion was the designation of Evenson acting as the primary contact and Wiemann the alternate contact for the newly formed Management Committee. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

**Area VI Meeting:** Wurscher informed the board that an Area VI meeting has been scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> held at the McLeod County Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve any interested staff and Supervisors to attend the June Area VI meeting hosted by McLeod SWCD. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

**SWCD Governance 101 Training:** Wurscher announced that there will be a Governance 101 training held at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandria July 16-17<sup>th</sup>. With some discussions several Board members expressed interest in attending. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve any interested staff and Supervisors to attend the Governance 101 training. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

**Call for 2024 Resolutions:** After some discussion, no resolutions will be brought forth from Sibley SWCD.

**Supervisor & Staff Reports:** See attached staff reports.

Wiemann asked if there had been any news relating to the two prior RIM non-compliance issues as well as any updates on office space. Wurscher replied that one non-compliance issue is now being handled by BWSR and that the other easement will have the new boundary staked out sometime later in the week. Wurscher then stated that permits were obtained by the building owner, however there was a switch in contractors covering the construction.

**Other Business:** Buffer inspections and non-compliance was discussed amongst those present.

**Next Meeting:** June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Wiemann seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Carried.

Approved: June 11, 2024

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Secretary