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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN on
November 8th, 2022.

The 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 Manager, Joel Wurscher
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin

Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the November 2022 agenda as presented. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the minutes of the October 2022 meeting. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve thirty-four paid bills for the month of October totaling \$32,387.22. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business:

High Island Lake Dam: Wurscher had sent out in the board packets the technical memorandum created by HEI. Wurscher presented to the Board the third and final payment request from Land Pride Construction, LLC in the amount of \$27,769.29. This request included costs of work completed from July through October 2022. With the invoice included, Wurscher told the Board that the total cost of the project came to \$547,886.00. He added that this final request will be reimbursed by the state using the additional dam safety dollars. Upon a motion by Wiemann, seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the final payment to Land Pride Construction, LLC in the amount of \$27,769.29. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

NACD Dues: Wurscher notified the Board that he had received a letter from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) in reference to FY23 dues renewal. Upon a motion by Wiemann and

seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve silver status by submitting a payment of \$501.00 to NACD. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

MASWCD Annual Convention: Wurscher stated that the annual MASWCD convention is scheduled from December 12th – 14th, located at the Double Tree Hilton in Bloomington. Wurscher requested a head count of who was planning on attending. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was approved to allow staff and supervisors to attend the annual 2022 MASWCD convention. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

MN Soil Health Coalition: Wurscher asked the board if they were interested in renewing their membership with the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition. He announced some of the benefits of membership. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve submitting a payment of \$25.00 towards membership with the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

FHP – Plat Book: Wurscher informed the board that Tom Kinn, representing Farm and Home Publishers, had stopped into the office to discuss becoming a dealer of plat books for Sibley County. Tom stated that the County no longer wants to sell physical copies of plat books, since they would rather go all digital. Tom mentioned that there is still some demand for physical copies, especially with the older generation. Tom had explained that another benefit of selling these out of the SWCD office, is the possibility to self-promote the district with a free ad. After some discussion, a motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, moving to approve becoming a dealer of the FHP-plat books for Sibley County. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

NRCS Report: No report.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached staff report.

Other Business: Wurscher notified the board that he has been working on a grant reconciliation with BWSR towards the 1W1P planning grant.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2022, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Thies seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Approved: December 15, 2022

Secretary