

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 16, 2021

5:00 P.M.

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dwyane Ostrem, Travis Willford, Eunice Biel, Tim Gossman, Kathryn Tesmer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Christensen, Mindy Williamson, Aaren Mathison (Zoom), Nikki Wheeler (Zoom)

Chair Willford called the meeting to order at 5:09 P.M. A quorum is present.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Ostrem, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: none.

Motion carried.

Biel Entered at 5:11 P.M.

II. Treasurer's Report

1. Approve August 2021 Treasurer's Report

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve the July 2021

Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

III. Consent Agenda

1. Secretary's Report August 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve the Secretary's Report August 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Payment of contract DWP-WS-21-12, Barbara Berge, Well Sealing, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$1,500.00.
Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve Payment of contract DWP-WS-21-12, Barbara Berge in the amount of \$1,500.00.
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none.
Motion carried.
3. Payment of contract DWP-WS-21-03, Jerry Finn, Well Sealing, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$1,500.00.
Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve Payment of contract DWP-WS-21-03, Jerry Finn in the amount of \$1,500.00.
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none.
Motion carried.
4. Payment of contract DWP-WS-21-04, Jerry Finn, Well Sealing, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve Payment of contract DWP-WS-21-04, Jerry Finn in the amount of \$1,500.00. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
5. Payment of contract DWP-WS-21-09, Jerry Finn, Well Sealing, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$1,448.44.
Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve Payment of contract DWP-WS-21-09, Jerry Finn in the amount of \$1,448.44.
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none.
Motion carried.
6. Payment of contract LC FY19-03, Gary Grebin, Grade Stabilization, utilizing FY 2019 Local Capacity funds in the amount of \$6,000.00.
Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve Payment of contract LC FY19-03, Gary Grebin, Grade Stabilization in the amount of \$6,000.00. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

IV. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Reports

Willford – Statement Opening

Tesmer –

Gossman- Prairie Walk will be at Fillmore Central Elementary School on September 28, 2021. Everyone is encouraged to come.

Ostrem – Informed board he used an ariel drone for seeding and will periodically update with results.

Biel – Attended a BWSR tour in Mower County.

2. Staff Reports

A written report was included in the board packets.

3. Administrator's Report

A. Watershed-Based Education Planning Hub.

The Fillmore SWCD received a \$500.00 Stipend to help with the education hub.

4. NRCS Report

A written report was included in board packets

5. County Report

Interviewed for a zoning officer but did not offer the position to anyone.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

1. Bacteria Lab Report

Wheeler & Mathison presented a bacteria lab report to the Board.

2. Consider Quotation/Agreement for MN ELAP NV5/Dade Moeller Lab Assessment for Fillmore SWCD Water Quality Laboratory MN01078 in the amount of \$2,643.00. Motioned by Gossman Seconded by Ostrem to approve Quotation/Agreement for MN ELAP NV5/Dade Moeller Lab Assessment for Fillmore SWCD

Water Quality Laboratory MN01078 in the amount of \$2,643.00 for 2020 & 2021 to certify the next two years and audit the last two years. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried

3. Consider approval of FY 2022 & 2033 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources SWCD Programs & Operations Grant Agreement. Motioned by Tesmer Seconded by Gossman to approve FY 2022 & 2033 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources SWCD Programs & Operations Grant Agreement. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
4. Discuss Conservation Building grounds improvements.
Improvements to the building grounds thus far include cutting the perimeter of the Prairie, spraying herbicide on the walnut trees and cutting out the Ragweed.
5. Consider approval of Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Contract FY 20-01, Joel Bicknese, Grassed Waterway, utilizing FY 2020 State Cost Share funds in the amount of \$3,547.20. Motioned by Tesmer Seconded by Biel to approve Contract FY 20-01, Joel Bicknese, Grassed Waterway, utilizing FY 2020 State Cost Share funds in the amount of \$3,547.20. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
6. Consider approval of Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWP-WS-21-17, Rodney Koliha, Well Sealing, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motioned by Biel Seconded by Ostrem to approve Contract DWP-WS-21-17, Rodney Koliha, Well Sealing, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 subject to a conflict-of-interest review, Affirmative: Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Abstain. Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
7. Consider approval of Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWP-WS-21-18, James Thorson, Well Sealing, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motioned by Gossman Seconded by Tesmer to approve Contract DWP-WS-21-18, James Thorson in the amount of

\$1,500.00. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

8. Consider approval of Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWP-WS-21-19, Paul Graff, Well Sealing, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motioned by Tesmer Seconded by Ostrem to approve Contract DWP-WS-21-19, Paul Graff in the amount of \$1,500.00. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
9. Consider approval of Flat-Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DW-21-04 Robert Nelson, Cover Crop implementation of 30 acres/yr. at \$30/acre over a three-year period, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$2,700.00. Motioned by Biel Seconded by Ostrem to approve Contract DWP-WS-21-04, Robert Nelson in the amount of \$2,700.00. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
10. Consider approval of Flat-Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DW-21-05 Chris Nelson, Cover Crop implementation of 30 acres/yr. at \$30/acre over a three-year period, utilizing Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds in the amount of \$2,700.00. Motioned by Tesmer Seconded by Gossman to approve Contract DWP-WS-21-05, Chris Nelson in the amount of \$2,700.00. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

VII. Accounts Payable

1. Approve September 2021 accounts payable

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve the August 2021 payables. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Supervisor volunteer for statement opening and check review

Willford asked for a volunteer for the statement opening and check review on Monday October 4, 2021. Tesmer volunteered.

VIII. Adjournment

1. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to adjourn the meeting. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Willford, Tesmer, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Tesmer,
Fillmore SWCD Board Secretary