

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

4:30 P.M.

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Tesmer, Eunice Biel, Travis Willford, Tim Gossman, Dwayne Ostrem

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dwayne Ostrem

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Koliha, Mindy Williamson

Chair Gossman called the meeting to order at 4:37 P.M. A quorum is present.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Biel to approve the agenda.

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

II. Treasurer's Report

1. Approve May 2022 Treasurer's Report

Motioned by Biel seconded by Tesmer to approve the May 2022

Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Affirmative: Biel, Tesmer,

Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

III. Consent Agenda

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Biel to approve the following consent agenda items.

1. Secretary's Report – May 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

2. Payment of cost-share contract FY21-01, Don Wilson, Well Sealing, in the amount of \$1,000.00 utilizing FY21 State Cost-share funds.

3. Payment of cost-share contract WB22-07, Tim Melver, Farmstead Windbreak, in the amount of \$675.00 utilizing District cost-share funds.

4. Payment of cost-share contract DWP-WS-21-02, Choice Hill Farm LLC, Well Sealing in the amount of \$522.15 utilizing Drinking Water Protecting in SE MN grant funds.

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

IV. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Reports

Willford – Statement Opening

Tesmer – Nothing to report

Gossman- Friends of Root River events

Ostrem – Absent

Biel – Nothing to report

2. Staff Reports

A written report was included in the board packets.

3. Administrator's Report

- A. Conservation Building stewardship plan

Treat & cut Buckthorn & Honeysuckle. The trees are marked to come down because they interfere with a power line. Filing period has closed for supervisors. IRS updated mileage to \$0.625. Koliha presented information on supervisor recruiting and re-districting.

- B. Supervisor Filings for District 1 & District 2

Gossman is running unopposed and no candidate for District 1. Koliha presented information on supervisor recruiting.

- C. Changes in Supervisor nomination district boundaries

Koliha presented information on re-districting supervisor boundaries.

4. NRCS Report

- A. Review of O&M for East Willow Creek Watershed Dams (DA1 & FD28)

- B. Allison Harvey is the new Soil Conservationist

5. County Report

Nothing to report

V. Old Business

1. Consider nominations for 2022 Outstanding Conservationist (District 4)
Skipped Item one while waiting on Willford arrival
Motion by Willford seconded by Tesmer to nominate Janet Erdman for the 2022 Outstanding Conservationist. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Gossman, Tesmer.
Opposed: none. Motion carried.
2. Consider cost-share contract amendment #1 for contract RR1W1P 19-11, John Kahoun, Terraces, increasing cost-share amount by \$1,772.00 (\$12,530 to \$14,302). Motioned by Biel seconded by Tesmer to approve cost-share contract amendment #1 for contract RR1W1P 19-11, John Kahoun. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
3. Consider payment of cost-share contract RR1W1P 19-11, John Kahoun, Terraces, in the amount of \$14,302.00 utilizing RR1W1P 2020-2021 grant funds. Motioned by Biel seconded by Tesmer to approve payment of cost-share contract RR1W1P 19-11, John Kahoun. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
4. Consider cost-share contract amendment #2 for contract DWP-WS-21-05, Maureen Bourner, Well Sealing, extending the deadline to 12/31/22. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Biel to approve cost-share contract amendment #2 DWP-WS-21-05, Maureen Bourner. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried
5. Consider cost-share contract amendment #2 for contract DWP-WS-21-01, Jason Rudlong, Well Sealing, extending the deadline to 12/31/22. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Biel to approve cost-share amendment #2 for contract DWP-WS-21-01, Jason Rudlong. Affirmative: Biel, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

V1. New Business

1. Consider approval of FY23 MN Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Outreach and Implementation Grant Agreement. Motioned by Biel

seconded by Tesmer to approve the FY23 MN Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Outreach and Implementation Grant Agreement. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Consider cost share contract RR1W1P-CI-22-01, Gerald Peter, Grade Stabilization Structure in the amount of \$11,016.04. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Biel to approve cost share contract RR1W1P-CI-22-01, Gerald Peter, in the amount of \$11,016.04. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
3. Consider cost-share contract SDW22-02, William Wright, for well water treatment equipment and installation, in the amount of \$2,000.00 utilizing the Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Users grant. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Biel to approve payment of cost-share contract SDW22-02, William Wright. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Willford enters 5:25

4. Consider BWSR Work Order for Easement Delivery in the amount of \$2,000.00. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Willford to approve BWSR Work Order for Easement Delivery in the amount of \$2,000.00. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
5. Consider approval of Aaren Mathison, Conservation Technician, to docu-sign the BWSR Work Order for Easement Delivery. Motioned by Willford seconded by Tesmer to approve Aaren Mathison to sign the BWSR Work Order for Easement Delivery. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
6. DNR CRWD Testing in the CB. Motioned by Willford seconded by Tesmer to allow the DNR to access the Conservation Building for CRWD testing November _____. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
7. Grievances Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Willford to hire legal counsel to assist with grievance complaint. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
8. Fair Bingo Williamson to speak with S. Craig about lining up free Bingo at the Fillmore County Fair.

V11. Accounts Payable

1. Approve June 2022 accounts payable

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Willford to approve the June 2022 payables.

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

2. Supervisor volunteer for statement opening and check review

Chair Gossman asked for a volunteer for the statement opening and check review on Tuesday July 5, 2022. Tesmer volunteered.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Gossman,
Fillmore SWCD Board Chair