

## DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 21, 2022

8:30 A.M.

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

### MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Koliha, Mindy Williamson, Sara West, Jessica Bronson

Chair Gossman called the meeting to order at 8:34 A.M. A quorum is present.

#### **I. Approval of Agenda**

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Willford to approve the agenda.

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

#### **II. Treasurer's Report**

##### **1. Approve March 2022 Treasurer's Report**

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Willford to approve the March 2022 Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Affirmative: Willford Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Approve January – March 2022 Supervisor's Vouchers. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Willford to approve the January – March 2022 Supervisor's Vouchers. Affirmative: Willford Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried

Biel Enters 8:40 A.M.

#### **III. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Secretary's Report – March 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Final Payment of Nitrogen Trial Plot incentive to crop advisor, Tony Kjos, DWP-CP-2020-06 in the amount of \$400.00 utilizing the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds.
3. Final Payment of Nitrogen Trial Plot incentive to Philip Dick-Dick Living Trust, DWPG-CP-2020-05, in the amount of \$800.00 utilizing the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN funds.  
Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Willford, Tesmer, Ostrem. Opposed: none.  
Motion carried.

#### IV. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Reports

Willford – Local Work Group Meeting

Tesmer – 1W1P Policy meeting, RC&D meeting-Trying to get more projects on the ground

Gossman- Friends of the Root River Meeting

Ostrem – Statement Opening, Signed up for a MILPA program which is a Native American planting technique.

Biel – RC&D meeting, Local Work Group Meeting, Scholarship meeting

2. Staff Reports

A written report was included in the board packets.

- A. Sara West – Nitrogen Rate Trial Plot Results  
Presented a power point of results

3. Administrator's Report

- A. Film on the Farm (Field day held in Rice Cty in 2021)

The film Kiss the Ground was played on a farm in Rice County for the public to attend.

- B. Local Work Group meeting update

11 Participants along with good discussion focused on cropland, forestry and pasture land.

C. MDA FSP Edge of field projects update

Currently in Phase 2 of the project. DeWall and Johnson sites will be sampled until 2025 and Dornik will end in 2023. A field day for staff and supervisors to see the work being done with the FSP grant is in the planning stages. Also looking at doing a producer meeting.

D. SWCD Supervisor Elections

Reminder of Election Year. Ostrem and Gossman are up for Election.

E. MASWCD Legislative Report

The effort to get more SWCD aid is continuing especially with the budget surplus this year.

F. Environmental Initiative: Soil Health Tour

This is a soil health outreach event. Fillmore has been tasked to find people in the community willing to be on the tour and highlight the conservation practices on their land.

G. MN conservation Corps Summer Intern

Margaret Windingstad was hired as the Fillmore SWCD summer intern.

H. Upcoming Events/Meetings

Koliha updated Board with upcoming meetings and events.

4. NRCS Report

Jessica Bronson stated she has hired a soil scientist who is also a certified planner. Applicants have been provided for a soil conservationist. Quality assurance reviews are being done now and CRP will start soon. Koliha and Keene have been working hard to piggy back funding with NRCS. Most CRP is pollinator habitat or tall grasses. There have been quite a few burn requests for CRP land.

5. County Report

Bakke emailed and shared that Dallas Dornik is the new Zoning/Feedlot tech.

**V. Old Business**

1. Discuss possible resolutions to submit to MASWCD.

Discussion.

2. Consider Unfunded Cooperative Agreement (N2722UCA0001979) between Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Motioned by Ostrem seconded by Tesmer to approve Unfunded Cooperative Agreement (N2722UCA0001979) between Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Affirmative: Biel, Willford Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

3. Discussion on tracking requests for SWCD programs.

Discussion. A central spreadsheet has been created. Calls to the main line will be documented and followed up with.

**V1. New Business**

1. Consider high school scholarship recipient per recommendation of the Education Committee. Motioned by Ostrem seconded by Willford to award the High School Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to Morgan Pickett based on the recommendation of the Education Committee. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Discuss nominations for 2022 Outstanding Conservationist (District 4)  
Discussion

3. Consider Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWPG-2022-01 Kevin Tesmer, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$800.00 utilizing the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant funds. Motioned by Willford seconded by Ostrem to approve Contract DWPG-2022-01 Kevin Tesmer, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$800.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

4. Consider Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWPG-2022-02 Rick Ruberg, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$800.00 utilizing the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant funds. Motioned by Willford seconded by Biel to approve Contract DWPG-2022-02 Rick Ruberg, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$800.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

5. Consider Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWPG-2022-03 Rockne West, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$800.00 utilizing the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant funds. Motioned by Biel seconded by Ostrem to approve Contract DWPG-2022-03 Rockne West, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$800.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
  
6. Consider approval of Assignment Agreement between BWSR, Winona SWCD and Fillmore SWCD for the FY2020 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed-Based Implementation Funding Grant Agreement C20-9174 Root River 1W1P 2020-2021. Motioned by Willford seconded by Tesmer to approve of Assignment Agreement between BWSR, Winona SWCD and Fillmore SWCD for the FY2020 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed-Based Implementation Funding Grant Agreement C20-9174 Root River 1W1P 2020-2021. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
  
7. Consider opening financial account for the RR1W1P grant funds at Merchants Bank in Lanesboro. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Willford to approve opening an account at Merchants Bank in Lanesboro for the RR1W1P grant funds. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
  
8. Consider signature authority of all Fillmore SWCD Board Supervisors and the District Administrator to sign on the RR1W1P financial account. Motioned by Willford seconded by Tesmer to approve signature authority of all Fillmore SWCD Board Supervisors and the District Administrator to sign on the RR1W1P financial account. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
  
9. Consider approval of Root River One Watershed, One Plan Sub-Agreement for Watershed Based Implementation Funding between WBIF Recipient: Fillmore SWCD and Sub-Recipient: Fillmore SWCD. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve Root River One Watershed, One Plan Sub-Agreement for Watershed Based Implementation Funding between WBIF Recipient: Fillmore SWCD and Sub-Recipient: Fillmore SWCD. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried
  
10. Consider approval of Root River One Watershed, One Plan Sub-Agreements for Watershed Based Implementation Funding

WBIF Recipient:	Sub-Recipient:
Fillmore SWCD	Dodge Soil & Water Conservation District
Fillmore SWCD	Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District
Fillmore SWCD	Mower Soil & Water Conservation District
Fillmore SWCD	Olmsted Soil & Water Conservation District
Fillmore SWCD	Winona Soil & Water Conservation District
Fillmore SWCD	Winona County
Fillmore SWCD	Root River Soil & Water Conservation District
Fillmore SWCD	Crooked Creek Watershed District
Fillmore SWCD	Southeast Minnesota Technical Support Joint Powers Boards
Fillmore SWCD	Friends of the Root River

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve Root River One Watershed, One Plan Sub-Agreements for Watershed Based Implementation Funding. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried

11. Consider cost-share contract SDW22-01, Justin Haake, for well water treatment equipment and installation, in the amount of \$1,530.00 utilizing the Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Users grant. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve cost-share contract SDW22-01, Justin Haake, for well water treatment equipment and installation, in the amount of \$1,530.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried
  
12. Consider cost-share contract LC FY19-05, Brian Hazel, Grade Stabilization Structure, in the amount of \$6,235.00. Motioned by Willford seconded by Tesmer to approve cost-share contract LC FY19-05, Brian Hazel, Grade Stabilization Structure, in the amount of \$6,235.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried
  
13. Consider cost-share contract LC FY19-06, Cheryl Haack, Grassed Waterway, in the amount of \$5,300.00. Motioned by Willford seconded by Tesmer to approve cost-share contract LC FY19-06, Cheryl Haack, Grassed Waterway, in the amount of \$5,300.00. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried
  
14. Consider cost-share contract RR1W1P 20-06, Tim Danielson, Grade Stabilization Structures (2), in the amount of \$18,848.25. Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Willford to approve cost-share contract RR1W1P 20-06, Tim Danielson, Grade Stabilization Structures (2), in the amount of \$18,848.25. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Ostrem, Biel, Willford. Opposed: none. Motion carried

**V11. Accounts Payable**

1. Approve March 2022 accounts payable

Motioned by Willford seconded by Ostrem to approve the March 2022 payables. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Gossman, Ostrem, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Supervisor volunteer for statement opening and check review

Gossman asked for a volunteer for the statement opening and check review on Monday May 2, 2022. Tesmer volunteered.

**VIII. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dwayne Ostrem,  
Fillmore SWCD Board Secretary