

## **Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District**

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### **DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, April 18, 2024

5:00 PM

County Building

902 Houston Street Suite 3

Preston, MN 55965

**Members Present: Kathy Tesmer, Eunice Biel, Travis Willford, Tim Gossman, Jason Wetzel**  
**Other present: Duane Bakke, Riley Buley, Theresa Baker**

**Travis Willford called meeting to order at 5:01pm.**

### *Agenda*

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

**Riley Buley added some last- minute items to the agenda. Board discussed.**  
**Tesmer motioned to approve the agenda and the add in's, seconded by Biel**  
**Affirmative: Wetzel, Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: None motion carried.**

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

1. Approve March 2024 SWCD Treasurer's Report  
**Gossman motioned to approve March 2024 Treasurer's report. Second by Wetzel. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman, Willford, Biel, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion Carried**
2. Approve Root River 1W1P Treasurer's Report

<b>2022-2023 - Root River 1W1P - C22-0480</b>			
<b>Payments</b>	<b>Terms</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Grant Terms</b>
\$ 734,798.00	50%	05-26-2022	Executed 05-20-2022
\$ 587,838.00	40%		
\$ 146,959.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2024
<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Grant Cash Balance</b>
\$ 1,469,595.00	\$ 734,798.00	\$ 761,697.98	\$ -(26,899.98)

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2024-2025 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP – C22-0143			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 1,150,475.00	50%		Executed 04-08-2024
\$ 920,380.00	40%		
\$ 230,095.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2026
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 2,300,950.00	\$	\$	\$

***Tesmer motioned to approve Root River 1W1P treasurer's report. Seconded by Biel Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried.***

### III. Consent Agenda

1. Secretary's Report – March 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approve Contract DWP-27, Thesing Farm LLC, in the amount of \$2,000, **Preplant Nitrogen Incentive**, Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
3. Approve Contract DWP-28, Thesling Farm LLC, in the amount of \$4000, **Split Application Nitrogen Incentive**, Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
4. Approve Contract DWP-23, Curt Luhmann, in the amount of \$2,000 **Pre-Planting**, Utilizing Funds from the ~~Root River One Watershed One Plan~~. Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
5. Approve Contract DWP-24, Joel Luhmann, in the amount of \$2,000 **Pre-Planting**, Utilizing Funds from the ~~Root River One Watershed One Plan~~. Drinking water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
6. Approve Contract DWP-31, John Laumb, in the amount of \$2,000 **Preplant Nitrogen Incentive**, Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
7. ~~Approve Contract DWP-30, Melinda Groth, in the amount of \$2,000 **Preplant Nitrogen Incentive**, Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.~~
8. Approve Contract DWP-29, Glen Groth, in the amount of \$2,000 **Preplant Nitrogen Incentive**, Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
9. ~~Consider Ground Breaking celebration (Cookout) May 16<sup>th</sup>, with recognition to Dean Thomas 15 years (at cookout.)~~
10. Approve contract FY-24-01, Dick Engrav, in the amount of \$2,000 **Well Decommissioning**, Utilizing funds from the 2024 Conservation Contracts.

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***Tesmer motioned to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Gossman. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried.***

### **IV. Reports**

1. Supervisor Activity Report  
***Willford: Regular Board meeting, Project mtg, Farmers Mtg.***  
***Tesmer: Reg, Board Mtg, Farmers Mtg.***  
***Wetzel: Reg Board Mtg., Statement Opening***  
***Gossman: Reg, board mtg.***  
***Biel: Reg Board Mtg, Farmers Meeting***
2. Staff Reports: ***Report Provided***
3. Administrator's Report
  - a. BWSR Grant Agreement: RR1W1P C24-0143, APR2024-2025 \$2,300,950.00  
***Buley explained the parameters of the RR1W1P funds***
  - b. BWSR Soil Health Staffing Grant - \$527,235.00: ***Funds used for Staffing Hours (4yrs)***
  - c. MDH Accelerated Implementation Grant - \$48,150.74: ***Buley indicated would like to purchase testing equipment for water testing & pay staff hours***
  - d. BWSR Climate Smart Alliance Pilot Program Grant - \$375,000.00: ***Buley stated grant would be used for Staff hours***
  - e. Building update- May 16<sup>th</sup> ground breaking celebration: ***Buley provided slides of the progress of building. May 16<sup>th</sup> celebration with lunch and honor Dean T. for 15 yrs celebration***
  - f. Resolution update. ***Complete***
4. NRCS Report: ***NA***
5. County Report: ***Bakke attended Farmer's mtg and indicated a very good mtg and good information provided. He would like to see someone from SWCD Staff to attend County mtg and provide updates on Buffers, Drinking Water protection in Karst Region: How are things being enforced, examples of practices.***

### **V. Old Business**

1. Secretary's Report – March 2024 Meeting Minutes  
***Gossman motioned to approve March 23 Secretary's report Seconded by Gossman. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried.***

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### **VI. New Business**

1. Approve Contract RR1W1P-24-01, Carter Lee, in the amount of \$108,071.92  
**Prescribed Grazing**, Utilizing Funds from the Root River One Watershed One Plan.  
**Tesmer Motioned to approve contract, Seconded by Biel. Affirmative. Wetzel, Gossman, Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed None. Motion Carried**
2. Approve Contract RR1W1P-22-1, Judd Grover, in the amount of \$52,122.50  
**Prescribed Grazing**, Utilizing Funds from the Root River One Watershed One Plan.  
**Gossman motioned to approve contract, Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative. Wetzel, Gossman, Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None Motion carried**
3. Consider revision to TNC Manure Sensing Grant Cost Share from 50% not to exceed \$10,000 to 90% not to exceed \$20,000, for manure sensing equipment and field day, due to lack of interest in program.  
**Gossman motioned to approve contract, Seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative. Wetzel, Gossman, Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None Motion carried**
4. Approve Q1 Board Expense / Timesheets Reports.  
**Tesmer motioned to approve Q1 expense report Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative. Wetzel, Gossman, Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None, Motion Carried.**
5. Approve Merit Increase for Employee 23019 from Grade 7 Step 5 to Grade 7 step 6.  
**Tesmer motioned to approve increase, Seconded by Gossman. Affirmative. Wetzel, Tesmer, Willford, Gossman, Biel**
6. Approve contract with Brother's up North LLC \$15,000, too complete contracting duties related to the MDA invasive Species Management Grant.  
**Tesmer motioned to approve contract, Seconded by Biel. Opposed none: Affirmative Willford, Gossman, Wetzel, Tesmer, Biel**

### **VII. Accounts Payable**

1. Approve March accounts payable  
**Biel motioned to approve March Acct. Payables. Seconded by Gossman. Opposed, none affirmative: Tesmer, Willford, Gossman, Wetzel, Biel.**
2. Supervisor volunteer for statement opening and check review: (May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024)  
**Tim Gossman volunteered to do check review.**

### **VIII. Adjournment**

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***Wetzel motioned to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Gossman, Tesmer, Wetzel. Opposed none. Motion carried Meeting Adjourned at 6:24pm.***

### Upcoming Events and Meetings

Statement Opening and Check Review	April 5, 2024
PCA Meeting	April 9, 2024
Board Meeting	April 18, 2024
Tree Delivery	April 29, 2024
Tree Pick up	May 2, 2024
Tree Pick Up Day 2	May 3, 2024
Tesmer Farm Safety Day	May 7, 2024
<b><i>Local Working Meeting w/ NRCS</i></b>	<b><i>May 6, 2024</i></b>