

Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

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DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 21, 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

Virtual: Dean Thomas, left meeting at 5:15pm

Travis Wilford called meeting to order at 5pm.

Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda

Tesmer motioned to approve the agenda, Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Wetzel, Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: None motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

1. Approve February 2024 SWCD Treasurer's Report

Gossman motioned to approve February 2024 treasurer's report. Seconded by Biel. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2. Approve Root River 1W1P Treasurer's Report

2022-2023 - Root River 1W1P - C20-9174			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 734,798.00	50%	05-26-2022	Executed 05-20-2022
\$ 587,838.00	40%		
\$ 146,959.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2024
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 1,469,595.00	\$ 734,798.00	\$ 641,609.42	\$ 93,188.58

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

III. Consent Agenda

1. Secretary's Report – February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Consider 2024 payment to Todd Hendrickson, MDA FSP Field Access, in the amount of \$250.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
3. Consider 2024 payment to Kent Dornink, MDA FSP End of Field station CFE, in the amount of \$1000.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
4. Consider 2024 payment to Collin Jacobson, MDA FSP End of Field station SRT and SRF Test plots, in the amount of \$2000.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
5. Consider 2024 payment to Richard Johnson, MDA FSP End of Field station BCE, in the amount of \$1000.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
6. Approve Contract DWP-20, Alex McCabe in the amount of \$4,000. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region Grant
7. Approve Contract DWP-12, David Markegard in the amount of \$1,700. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
8. Approve Contract DWP-21, Kendall Curtis in the amount of \$3,000. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
9. Approve contract DWP-17, Dalon Miller in the amount of \$2000. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
10. Approve Contract DWP-22, Chad Curtis in the amount of \$3,000. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
11. Approve Contract DWP-16, Wayne Ferden in the amount of \$1,520. Utilizing fund from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
12. Approve Contract DWP-11, Duane Hager in the amount of \$2,000. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region Grant.
13. Approve Contract DWP-19, Randy Smith in the amount of \$4,000. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
14. Approve Contract DWP-18, Greg Smith in the amount of \$4,000. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
15. Consider partial payment to Kevin Tesmer, DWP-01, Nitrogen Rate and Manure Plot in the amount of \$1,000 utilizing the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.

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

IV. Reports

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1. Supervisor Activity Report:

Willford: Regular Board meeting, Personnel mtg, Building Mtg.

Tesmer: Reg, Board Mtg, TSA Personnel interview, Root River 1W1P Mtg.

Wetzel: Reg Board Mtg, Friends of the Root River mtg.

Gossman: Reg, board mtg, personnel mtg, Friends of the Root River mtg.

Biel: Reg Board Mtg, Feb. Statement Opening

2. Staff Reports

Report Provided

3. Administrator's Report

a. BWSR Conservation Delivery close out: **Buley confirmed**

b. Grant submission: MDA Accelerated Implementation Grant: **Buley reported he applied for a grant through Department of Agriculture to possibly buy machines for bacteria and nitrate testing and pay for staff hours**

c. Building update: **Plans finalized, Ground Breaking tentative set for 4/14/24: Discussed Landowners (Bunge's) proposal, tabled for further review**

d. South East Nitrate proposed legislation: **Buley discussed**

e. District operations highlight presentation **Buley provided a status review**

4. NRCS Report: **Bronson submitted report**

5. County Report: **Bakke provided report. Attended Friends of Root River and EDA Booth**

V. Old Business

1. Secretary's Report – February 2024 Meeting Minutes

Biel motioned to approve February 23 Secretary's report Seconded by Gossman.

Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

VI. New Business

1. Approve Contract RR1W1P 22-08, Abigail Lee, in the amount of \$123,347.95 Prescribed Grazing, Utilizing Funds from the Root River One Watershed One Plan. **D. Thomas gave board an overview of Contract RR1W1P22-08. Tesmer motioned to approve contract Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried**

2. Approve Contract RR1W1P-22-10, Kent Dornink, in the amount of \$2,736.00, Grassed Waterway, 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. Approve Contract RR1W1P-22-09, Luke Tessum, in the amount of \$2,983.00, Grassed Waterway, Utilizing Funds from the Root River One Watershed One Plan. **Wetzel motioned to approve contract Seconded by Biel. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried**

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4. Consider sub agreement between Fillmore SWCD and Wabasha SWCD, in the amount of \$2,500. Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program. **Tesmer motioned to approve contract. Seconded by Wetzel Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried**
5. Consider Sub Agreement between Fillmore SWCD and Wabasha SWCD, in the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region. **Tesmer motioned to approve contract. Seconded by Gossman. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried**
6. Consider employee 23034 title change to from a Class I to II, and a wage increase from grade 6 step 6 to grade 7 step 6. Enabled at anniversary of hire date 4/2 **Wetzel motioned to approve contract. Seconded by Gossman. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried.**
7. Consider giving Tree Sale customers a \$10.00 off coupon for a regular priced Drinking Water Bacteria Test **Tesmer motioned to approve contract. Seconded by Gossman. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried**
8. Consider 2024 renewal for the BlueCross Blue Sheild vision / dental program. **Tesmer motioned to approve contract. Seconded by Gossman. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried**

VII. Accounts Payable

1. Approve February accounts payable
Tesmer motioned to approve February accts payable Seconded by Biel. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman. Biel, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed: None. Motion carried
2. Supervisor volunteer for statement opening and check review
Jason Wetzel to do statement opening 4/3/24 at 8:00am

VIII. Adjournment:

Biel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Wetzel, Willford, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Statement Opening and Check Review	March 4, 2024
BALMM Meeting	March 20, 2024
Manager's Meeting	March 26-27, 2024
Farmer's Meeting	March 27, 2024
SE MACDE Spring Meeting	April 2, 2024

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Respectfully Submitted: _____

Jason Wetzel