

Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

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DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 18th 2024

5:00 PM

County Building

902 Houston Street Suite 3

Preston, MN

Members Present: Kathy Tesmer, Eunice Biel, Tim Gossman, Jason Wetzel

Other present: Theresa Baker, Riley Buley, Hunter Slifka, Geoff G & Jeff W (G-Cubed)

Absent: Travis Willford

Tim Gossman called meeting to order at 5:07

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda: **Board discussed and approved updated agenda. Tesmer motioned to approve updated agenda. Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed None motioned carried.**

- II. Treasurer's Report
 1. Approve June 2024 SWCD Treasurer's Report: **Tesmer motioned to approve June treasurers report, seconded by Biel, Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Tessmer. Gossman. Opposed: none motioned carried.**

 2. Approve Root River 1W1P Treasurer's Report: **Tesmer motioned to approve June treasurers report, seconded by Biel, Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Tessmer. Gossman. Opposed: none motioned carried.**

2022-2023 - Root River 1W1P - C22-0480			
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	\$ 847,669.34	\$ -(112,871.34)

2024-2025 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP - C22-0143

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Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 1,150,475.00	50%	04-23-2024	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	\$ 1,150,475.00	\$ 15,492.30	\$ 1,134,982.70

III. Consent Agenda

1. Secretary's Report – June 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.: **Wetzel motioned to approve June treasurers report, seconded by Biel, Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Tessmer. Gossman. Opposed: none motioned carried.**

IV. Reports

1. Supervisor Activity Report
Tessmer: Reg Board Mtg, TSA Mtg.
Biel: Reg Board Mtg.
Gossman: Reg Board Mtg/ Planning mtg, Forestry& Prairie Walk
Wetzel: Reg Board Mtg/ Planning mtg, Forestry& Prairie Walk
2. Staff Reports: **Included in Board packet**
3. Administrator's Report
 - a. Building update: Move in date set for Week after Labor Day
 - b. Office furniture: **chairs, Monitors and keyboards bought: Discussed window treatments & Cubicle dividers**
 - c. Conservationist of the year.: **Carter and Abigail Lee accepted**
 - d. Climate Smart Alliance Grant updates: **Post cards sent out, Community Meeting set (July 30th) Names have been taken and will be called back.**
 - e. August Meeting (Virtual Attendance by District Admin): **Ok'd with Board**
 - f. Root River One Watershed One Plan update: **Reported Non compliance with Olmstead formal letter sent to T. Wilford by Auditors.**
4. NRCS Report: N/A
5. County Report: N/A

V. Old Business: N/A

VI. New Business

The mission of the Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote natural resource stewardship by providing educational, technical and financial assistance.

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1. G-Cuded presentation on Bightdale Dam project. **This issue was tabled for 30 days to notify public of rare animal and plant finding's**
2. Brightsdale Dam open comment discussion.: **Special Board Mtg set up 8/19 @ 12 pm to discuss and vote on EAW**
3. Consider EAW for Root River Brightsdale Dam project and concur EAW is an adequate environmental doc.: **Special Board Mtg set up 8/19 @ 12 pm to discuss and vote: Items 1:2:3 was combined to table until 8/19 mtg. in Biel's motion to approve and seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Biel, Wetzel, Gossman. Tesmer. Opposed: None motioned carried.**
4. Consider step increase of employee #23033 from a Grade 4 step 6 to Grade 4 step 7. **Wetzel motioned to approved Step increase for Employee #23033 seconded by Tesmer Affirmative: Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Tesmer. Opposed: none motioned carried**
5. Discuss new Bank Review process using Heneke Accounting service. **Board discussed to have F& M Bank statements sent to Biel.**
6. Discuss Cleaning service for new Building. Buley discussed: **Buley will discuss with current cleaner if interested.**
7. Approve partial payment to Carter Lee in the amount of \$7,760.48. Contract #RR1W1P24-01, South Fork Cattle Co utilizing funds from the 2024-2024 RR1W1P Grant. **Tesmer motioned to approve partial payment for contract RR1W1P24-01, seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Tesmer and Wetzel Opposed none motioned carried.**
8. Approve final payment to Abigal Lee in the amount of \$43,961.05. Contract # RR1W1P22-08, South Fork Cattle Co. utilizing funds from the 2022-2024 RR1W1P Grant. **Wetzel motioned to approve final payment on contract RR1W1P22-08, seconded by Biel. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Biel and Wetzel. Opposed none motioned carried.**
9. **Grant Hunter Slifka, Technical Approval Authority (TAA) for his past training and JAA certification he received during his past employment, related to the Climate Smart Alliance Grant.** Tesmer motioned to grant Slifka TAA approval until his JAA transfer from IA to MN complete on no till/Cover Crop and reduced Till. Seconded by Biel. Affirmative: Gossman, Wetzel, Biel Tesmer. Opposed none motioned carried.
10. **Discuss and Approve Division 32-Exterior improvements for new blacktop to make drainage for new building not included in original quote. Net change would be \$10,600 to overall total.** Tesmer motioned for approval with Buley to investigate how they will handle slope and water drainage. Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Wetzel, Gossman.

VII. Accounts Payable

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1. Approve June accounts payable: **Biel motioned to approve June accounts payable, seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Biel and Wetzel Opposed none motioned carried.**

VIII. Adjournment: Wetzel motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Wetzel, Tesmer. Opposed None motioned carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Regular Board Meeting	July 18, 2024
TSA Meeting	July 18, 2024
Fillmore County Fair	July 15-21 2024
NDPES Public Meeting	July 24, 2024
SWCD Forestry Field & Prairie Walk	July 24, 2024
Climate Smart Public Meeting	July 30, 2024
RR 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting	August 26, 2024