

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

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### **DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, October 17th 2024

5:00 PM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

**Members present: Eunice Biel, Kathy Tesmer, Jason Wetzel, Tim Gossman**

**Others present: Riley Buley, Hunter Slifka, Dave Copeland, Theresa Baker**

**Members absent: Travis Willford: Others absent: Duane Bakke**

**Tim Gossman called meeting to order @ 5:01 pm**

### *Agenda*

**Approval of Agenda: Tesmer motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Biel. Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Willford, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: None**

#### **I. Treasurer's Report**

- 1. Approve September 2024 SWCD Treasurer's Report: Motioned by Wetzel seconded by Tesmer to approve September 2024 Treasurers report subject to audit. Affirmative: Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Wetzel. Opposed none. Motioned Carried**
- 2. Approve Root River 1W1P Treasurer's Report: Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Wetzel to approve Root River 1W1P 2024 Treasurers report subject to audit. Affirmative: Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Wetzel. Opposed none. Motioned Carried**

<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%	09-09-2024	
\$ 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	\$ 1,322,636.00	\$ 1,067,725.20	\$ 401,869.80

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2024-2025 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP – C22-0143			
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	\$ 40995.09	\$ 2,259,954.92

Consent Agenda: **Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Wetzel to approve the following consent agenda items. Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Gossman. Tesmer. Opposed none. Motioned Carried**

1. Secretary's Report – September 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Approve Contract DWP-WS11, Dave Mensink in the amount of \$2,000.00, Well sealing, Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region Grant.
3. Approve Contract DWP-WS12, Dave Mensink in the amount of \$2,000.00, Well sealing, Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region Grant.

### I. Reports

1. Supervisor Activity Report: **Gossman Regular mtg., Tesmer Regular Mtg., Wetzel Regular mtg. Biel Regular Mtg.**
2. Staff Reports: **Submitted for review**
3. Administrator's Report:
  - a. Climate Smart Alliance Grant updates: **Buley reported approx. 10,698 acers were accepted in Cover Crop with CSAG and 9, 847 acers were accepted for Nutrient management w/ CSAG**
4. NRCS Report: **No Report**
5. County Report: **No Report**

### II. Old Business

1. Contract RR1W1P 24-23, Larry Broadwater has been cancelled due to the selection on the Climate Smart Alliance Grant for the same Practice and acres. **Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Wetzel that contract RR1W1P 24-23 was cancelled. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer & Wetzel. Opposed none, Motioned carried.**
2. Contract RR1W1P 24-25, James Eggrichs has been cancelled due to the selection on the Climate Smart Alliance Grant for the same Practice and acres. **Motioned by Biel, seconded by Wetzel that contract RR1W1P 24-25 was cancelled. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer & Wetzel. Opposed none, Motioned carried.**

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3. Contract RR1W1P 24-26, Grass & Sons Farms has been cancelled due to the selection on the Climate Smart Alliance Grant for the same practice and acres. **Motioned by Wetzel, seconded by Tesmer that contract RR1W1P 24-26 was cancelled. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer & Wetzel. Opposed none, Motioned carried.**
4. Contract RR1W1P 24-31, Rockne West has been cancelled due to the selection on the Climate Smart Alliance Grant for the same practice and acres. **Motioned by Biel, seconded by Tesmer that contract RR1W1P 24-31 was cancelled. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer & Wetzel. Opposed none, Motioned carried.**
5. Contract RR1W1P 24-34, Tim Mulhern has been cancelled due to the selection on the Climate Smart Alliance Grant for the same practice and acres. **Motioned by Tesmer, seconded by Wetzel that contract RR1W1P 24-34 was cancelled. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer & Wetzel. Opposed none, Motioned carried.**
6. Contract RR1W1P 24-35, Steve Highum has been cancelled due to the selection on the Climate Smart Alliance Grant for the same practice and acres. **Motioned by Biel, seconded by Tesmer that contract RR1W1P 24-35 was cancelled. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer & Wetzel. Opposed none, Motioned carried.**
7. Consider 1-year HR contract with MN Southeast Services Coop. **Motioned made by Wetzel seconded by Biel to approve Fillmore SWCD to do a 1 year HR contract with MN Southeast services Coop. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer & Wetzel. Opposed none, Motioned carried.**

### **III. New Business**

1. Review/discuss and debate, 2024 MASWCD Resolution packet. Emailed on 10/3: **Motioned made by Tesmer and seconded by Wetzel to have vote in by November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer, Wetzel Opposed none Motioned carried.**
2. Authorize attendance for MASWCD Conference. 3 Supervisors, 2 employees. **Motioned made by Wetzel seconded by Tesmer the approval to send 3 supervisors and 2 employees to the MASWCD conference in December 2024. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer, Wetzel Opposed none Motioned carried.**
3. Authorize attendance for BWSR Academy. Riley and Hunter. **Motioned made by Biel seconded by Tesmer to approve R Buley and H Slifka's attendance to the BWSR Academy. Affirmative: Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Wetzel Opposed none. Motioned carried.**
4. Approve MACDE dues for 2024: **Moved till January 2025 Mtg.**
5. Review Norby Tree Service to remove 6 cotton wood trees back parking lot. \$2000.00. b. Review Scheevel & Sons Quote. **Motioned made by Tesmer and**

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**Seconded by Biel; project not to exceed \$6,000 to revamp new building parking lot: Tree and earth work combined. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Wetzel and Tesmer. Opposed none: Motioned carried.**

6. Review 2025 Health Insurance proposal. Medica and consider 2025 health insurance renewal. **Motioned by Tesmer and seconded by Wetzel to use Medica for Health insurance; Delta for Dental and Vision insurance for year 2025. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Tesmer and Wetzel, Opposed None, Motioned carried.**
7. Consider district vehicles and equipment
  - a. Consider purchase of district vehicle utilizing soil health delivery funding and proceeds received by district's '13 chevy Silverado trade in.: **Motioned made by Tesmer and seconded by Wetzel to buy 2024 Silverado 1500 with 2013 traded in value and using funds from Soil Health delivery. Affirmative Gossman, Biel, Tesmer and Wetzel Opposed None, Motioned carried.**
  - b. Consider purchase of truck topper for the '23 chevy Silverado received by district's '13 chevy Silverado trade in, MN Field to Stream Grant Funding, and '25 Local Water Management Funding. **Motioned made by Wetzel and Seconded by Tesmer to purchase revised Topper at \$5,937.69 using monies from MN Field and Stream Grant Funding and 25 Local Water Management funding. Allowing 2023 Silverado to become new Water Truck. Affirmative Biel, Gossman, Wetzel and Tesmer. Opposed none, Motioned Carried.**
8. Placeholder Building discussion: **Item 8 was discussed and voted in New Business item 5**
  - a. ~~Assessment of building~~
  - b. ~~Discuss project quote to fix north hill drainage and to expand gravel parking lot.~~
  - c. ~~Discuss increased District building expenses.~~
9. Approve Snow Bid for 2024/2025 season from Travis Malley. **Motioned made by Tesmer seconded by Biel to except T. Malley as the snow removal person for 2024/2025 season. Affirmative: Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Tesmer. Opposed none. Motioned carried.**
10. Consider donation to 2024 Preston Community Chest Fundraising. **Board voted no. all indicated if individuals wanted to support, they could do so on their own.**
11. Approve final payment on contract RR1W1P WBIF 22-02, to Dale Egge in the amount of \$21,174.67 Grade stabilization structure. Utilizing funds from the Root River one watershed one plan. **Motioned made by Tesmer and**

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**seconded by Biel to approve RR1W1P WBIF 22-02 contract final payment to Dale Egge. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Wetzel, Tesmer  
Opposed none. Motioned carried.**

### **II. Accounts Payable**

- 1. Approve September accounts payable: Motioned made by Tesmer and seconded by Wetzel to approve September accounts payable. Affirmative Biel, Wetzel, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed none Motioned carried.**

### **III. Adjournment: Wetzel motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Biel Affirmative Gossman, Tesmer, Biel, Wetzel Opposed none meeting adjourned at 6:10**

#### Upcoming Events and Meetings

2025 Tree Sales begin	October 14, 2024
Columbus Day Holiday	October 14, 2024
A7 MACDE & MASWCD Meeting: Austin, MN	October 22, 2024
BWSR Academy	October29-31 2024
Veterans Day Holiday	Nov. 11,2024
Regular Board Meeting	Nov. 21 2024
Thanksgiving Day Holiday	Nov. 28 2024