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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334,
March 13, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Grams at 4:00 P.M.

Members Present: Chair, Wayne Grams
Vice Chair, Kathleen Thies
Secretary, Loren Evenson
Treasurer, Paul Wiemann

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin
Watershed Technician/Water Planner, Ron Otto
Conservation Technician, Erik Goetsch
District Conservationist - NRCS, April Sullivan

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the minutes of the February 2018 meeting. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve 33 paid bills for February 2018 totaling \$36,271.95. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the March 2018 Treasurer's report subject to audit. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

Old Business: Wurscher discussed with the board his findings from the surrounding Area VI offices whether or not, their board chair votes and the status on bylaws. After some discussion, a motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, to approve giving the board chair the right to vote and make motions per the revised Roberts Rules. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

Cost Share: A request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with James Lieske for 6.57 acres of buffer strip on his property located in Dryden Twp. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-39) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$1,971.00). Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

2018 Capacity Services Grant: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the amended 2018 Capacity Services Grant Agreement including an additional \$14,400. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

Farmbill Technician Position: Wurscher explained to the board the current situation with this vacant position. Wurscher described several options on how to proceed. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to table the discussion until the next monthly meeting. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

Area VI Meeting: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve all staff and Supervisors to attend the Area VI Meeting. This meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 22nd held at the St. James VFW. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

Financial Audit FY2017: A request was presented to the Board to approve Peterson Company, LTD. to complete the 2017 year-end audit. Cost of this financial report is \$2,300.00. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve this request. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

Other Business: Wurscher presented a bill for the services regarding the lease of the new building provided by the Schauer Law Office. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to pay the Schauer Law Office bill of \$180.00. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Wurscher struck up a conversation with the supervisors about purchasing a smart TV for the conference/board room. Upon a motion by Thies, seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve using the best judgement of the staff, purchasing of a smart TV. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Next Meeting: April 10th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Thies, Grams. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 P.M.

Approved: April 10, 2018

Secretary