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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334
June 4, 2019

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

Members Present: Chair, Kathleen Thies
Vice Chair, Loren Evenson
Secretary, Paul Wiemann
Treasurer, Bob Nielsen

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

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

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the minutes of the May 2019 meeting. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve 33 paid bills for May 2019 totaling \$33,048.74. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the June 2019 Treasurer's report subject to audit. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann. Carried.

Old Business: None.

Cost Share: Scott Stuber's well has been sealed and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$407.50. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the final payment for Clean Water Fund Contract (FY19CWF-7) at a rate of \$407.50. with \$56.04 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen. Carried.

Robert Fischer's 9.71 acres of buffer strips were seeded. Robert is requesting final payment in the amount of \$2,913.00. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share contract (Buffer FY18-43) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$2,913.00) with \$582.60 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

JoEllen Fischer's 9.42 acres of buffer strips were seeded. JoEllen is requesting final payment in the amount of \$2,826.00. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share contract (Buffer FY18-44) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$2,826.00) with \$565.20 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

1W1P – Lower MN-West: A motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen to approve the Sibley

SWCD accepting responsibility in becoming the day to day contact for Lower MN -West. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Area VI Meeting: Wurscher notified the Board that the next Area VI meeting will be hosted by Brown SWCD and will be held at Turner Hall in New Ulm on Tuesday, July 16th. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve any staff and Supervisors to attend the Area VI Meeting. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

Sibley County Fair Booth: Wurscher brought forth to the Board the topic of the SWCD getting a fair booth again this year. The Sibley County fair will be held July 31st – August 4th. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve acquiring a fair booth at the upcoming Sibley County Fair using AIS funds. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried. It was then discussed what the ideal location of said booth would be. A sign-up sheet to work the booth was then passed around.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

Other Business: Wurscher informed the Board that some complaints from neighbors have started to come in relating to the Buffer Law. Wurscher has completed seven onsite inspections and has several more to complete.

Wurscher updated the Board on the events that occurred at legislation in regards to funding SWCDs and the program funding levels.

Wurscher then brought up the topic of the Sibley SWCD Outstanding Conservationist of the Year. After some discussion, a motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Thies to nominate Ryberg Farms as the 2019 Outstanding Conservationist of the Year. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

Next Meeting: July 9, 2019, starting at 4 p.m. located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 P.M. Ayes Wiemann, Evenson, Thies, Nielsen. Carried.

Approved: July 9, 2019

Secretary