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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334
November 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair – Thies at 4:02 P.M.

Members Present: Vice Chair, Kathleen Thies
Treasurer, Paul Wiemann
Member, Bob Nielsen

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

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the November agenda including the new additions. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

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

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve 29 paid bills for October 2018 totaling \$59,789.61. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the November 2018 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann. Carried.

Old Business: None.

Cost Share: L&T Pioske Farms is requesting the first year's payment for 80 acres of a single-species mix of cover crops in the amount of \$3,395.20. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the first year's payment from the Capacity 2017 Contract (CAP17-2) in the amount of \$3,395.20. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Nathaniel Doehling is requesting the first year's payment for 80 acres of a multi-species mix of cover crops in the amount of \$3,967.20. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the first year's payment from the Capacity 2018 Contract (CAP18-4) in the amount of \$3,967.20, taking \$3.54 in TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Emily Doehling is requesting the first year's payment for 44 acres of a multi-species mix of cover crops in the amount of \$2,181.96. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the first year's payment from the Capacity 2018 Contract (CAP18-5) in the amount of \$2,181.96. Ayes Thies,

Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Tom Rabe is requesting to cancel his Capacity 2018 (CAP18-1) contract intended for 40 acres of cover crop using a single-species mix. Rabe was unable to fulfill his first year's obligations but would like to sign up under a different funding stream in order to complete the entire three years required. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the cancellation of Rabe's CAP18-1 contract. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Ronald Giblin is requesting to cancel his Buffer Cost Share 2018 (BufferFY18-57) contract intended for 1.1 acres of buffer strips. Giblin's renter took care of the seeding, which strayed from the District's seeding plan in addition to not having the proper documentation (receipts/seed tags). Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the cancellation of Giblin's Buffer FY18-57 contract. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Buffer Law Update: Wurscher gave a brief update to the board on where the county stands with compliance rates of both the public waters (50 ft) and public ditches (16.5 ft). Wurscher explained the next steps that will be taken with those out of compliance and described the County's adopted administrative penalty order (APO) process.

Year-End Financial Report: A motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen to approve the use of Peterson Company LTD., out of Waconia, to perform the year-end financial report. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grants: Bushman and Wurscher briefly updated the board on the total grant expense and work to be completed throughout each of the three approved CPL grants. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Thies to approve the Sigler WMA CPL grant contract. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried. A motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen to approve the Arlington WMA CPL grant contract. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried. A motion was made by Thies and seconded by Wiemann to approve the Windot WMA CPL grant contract. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

Other Business: Otto presented to the board an Ag BMP Loan for Arlen Bode for a manure spreader. The total for the 3% interest loan would be \$49,000. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the recommendation of application for conservation practice purposes. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried

Discussion of donating an auction item at the state convention in December was tabled until the next monthly board meeting.

Wurscher and Bushman gave an update on the AIS program. In late October Wurscher went electro-shocking with WSB on High Island and Silver Lake to determine carp numbers and biomass. Wurscher and Bushman have been working on a contract with MSU Mankato about working on baseline data vegetation surveys on five area lakes (High Island, Titlow, Silver, Schillings, Clear).

Next Meeting: December 5, 2018 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. Ayes Wiemann, Thies, Nielsen. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 P.M.

Approved: December 5, 2018

Secretary