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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334,
June 12, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Grams at 3:58 P.M.

Members Present: Chair, Wayne Grams
Vice Chair, Kathleen Thies
Secretary, Loren Evenson
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
PRAP Coordinator – BWSR, Dale Krystosek

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

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve 35 paid bills for May 2018 totaling \$27,336.80. Ayes Thies, Nielsen Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

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

Old Business: Wurscher announced to the board that the final numbers were in for tree sales and the District made a profit of \$3,985.98.

PRAP Level II: Dale Krystosek, PRAP Coordinator for BWSR gave a brief overview of the Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP). This year, Sibley SWCD was selected for PRAP. Each SWCD in the state goes through this process once every 10 years. The proposed timetable is that most of the work will be completed in June and July by County and District staff, ending with a BWSR generated report of findings delivered in September.

Cost Share: Contract (FR141-10, FR14P2-11) for Dave Evans' grade stabilization structure was completed. Dave is requesting final payment for the amount of \$24,331.82. Upon a motion by Wiemann

and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve final payment for contract FR141-10, FR14P2-11 in the amount of \$24,331.82 with \$54.00 of TA. Ayes Evenson, Grams, Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

A request was made from Kathleen Thies (CAP18-2) to enter into a contract for 75 acres of cover crop on several properties located in Kelso Twp. Cost share provided towards cover crops would be a 3 year time span commitment totaling \$9,549.00. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Evenson it was moved to approve this request. Ayes Evenson, Grams, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Gary Hahn's 1.43 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Gary is requesting final payment in the amount of \$429.00. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-34) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$429.00) with \$85.80 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Ordella Hahn's 0.72 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Ordella is requesting final payment in the amount of \$216.00. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-33) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$216.00) with \$43.20 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Randy Tessmer's 0.68 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Randy is requesting final payment in the amount of \$204.00. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-46) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$204.00) with \$40.80 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Wendy Hellwig's 0.45 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Wendy is requesting final payment in the amount of \$135.00. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-47) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$135.00) with \$43.20 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Fox Ridge Farms LLP 6.3 acres of buffer strip were seeded. They are requesting final payment in the amount of \$1,890.00. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-41) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$1,890.00) with \$378.00 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Fox Ridge Farms 1.47 acres of buffer strip were seeded. They are requesting final payment in the amount of \$441.00. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-42) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$441.00) with \$88.20 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Ron Strobel's 0.91 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Ron is requesting final payment in the amount of \$273.00. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-10) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$273.00) with \$54.60 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Neil Burgstahler's 4.5 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Neil is requesting final payment in the amount of \$1,350.00. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-55) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$1,350.00) with \$116.30 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Steve Burgstahler's 7.63 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Steve is requesting final payment in the amount of \$2,289.00. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-54) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$2,289.00). Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Ilene Bussler's 1.04 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Ilene is requesting final payment in the amount of \$312.00. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the final

payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-8) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$312.00) with a TA of \$62.40. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Curtis Kahle's 1.06 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Curtis is requesting final payment in the amount of \$318.00. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-19) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$318.00) with a TA of \$63.60. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Final Financial Report – 2014 MN Flood Relief Phase I & II: With a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the final financial reports for 2014 Flood Relief grants. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Area VI Meeting – Courtland, MN: Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve all staff and Supervisors to attend the Area VI meeting which will start registration at 8:30a.m. on Thursday June 21st at the Courtland Community Center. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

MDH Well Testing: An opportunity for funding was brought to Wurscher's attention to provide citizens of the county free private well testing. After some discussion, a motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, moving to apply for an Environmental Assistance Grant. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

NRCS Report: None.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

Other Business: Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, Board approval was given for staff and supervisors to attend the 2018-2019 MASWCD Leadership Institute. The Leadership training consists of seven sessions beginning August 14th of this year running through to August 8th, 2019. Ayes Grams, Nielsen, Evenson, Wiemann, Thies. Carried.

Wurscher passed around the latest issue of the SWCD newsletter. Wurscher stated that they printed it sooner this year to allow payment under a grant that will run out at the end of the month. This will also ensure that they will have extra copies at the fair.

Wurscher then informed the board that Queenan Productions' grant proposal from the McKnight Foundation was denied. Queenan informed Wurscher that she would continue pursuing funding for this project.

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

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Ayes Evenson, Nielsen, Wiemann, Thies, Grams. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Approved: July 10, 2018

Secretary