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## MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN 55334,  
October 9, 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  
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  
Board Conservationist – BWSR, Jenny Mocal-Johnson  
PRAP Coordinator – BWSR, Dale Krystosek

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

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

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies it was moved to approve 30 paid bills for September 2018 totaling \$32,781.01. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

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

**Old Business:** None.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

**PRAP Results:** Dale Krystosek, PRAP Coordinator for BWSR, gave an overview of the results from the Sibley County and Sibley SWCD 2018 final PRAP report. Most discussion revolved around the survey results and comments. Both the County and the SWCD had one action item to complete within 18 months in which both organizations had already accomplished.

**Cost Share:** Curtis Olsen's well has been sealed and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$400.00. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the final payment for WCA Cost Share Contract (WCA18-1) at a rate of \$400.00. with \$80.00 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board to enter into a WCA Cost-Share contract with St. Peter's Lutheran Church for a well sealing on a property located North of Gibbon. They had a quote from Schafer Wells of \$1,000.00 total for the project. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the WCA Cost Share Contract (WCA18-2) for St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 50% or \$500.00, whichever comes in less. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Ron Strobel's 0.61 acres of buffer strip were seeded. Ron is requesting final payment in the amount of \$183.00. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share contract (Buffer FY18-11) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$183.00) with \$36.60 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

B & K Estates LLC's 0.63 acres of buffer strip were seeded. B & K is requesting final payment in the amount of \$189.00. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the final payment for Buffer Cost Share contract (Buffer FY18-13) at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre (\$189.00) with \$37.80 of TA. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

John Anderson would like to request an extension to his buffer cost share contract (Buffer FY18-48). The current contract expires 10/31/2018 and John is unable to seed it prior to that deadline. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve extending John's contract until 12/31/2019. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

A new request was made to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Ronald Giblin for 1.10 acres of buffer strip. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-57) for Ronald Giblin at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre. Ayes Thies, Grams, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen. Carried.

A second request was presented to the Board to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Barbara Miller for a 2.49 acres buffer strip. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-58) for Barbara Miller at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre. Ayes Thies, Grams, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen. Carried.

The third request to the Board was to enter into a Buffer Cost-Share contract with Randy Byro for 4.1 acres of buffer strips. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the Buffer Cost Share Contract (Buffer FY18-59) for Randy Byro at a flat rate of \$300.00 per acre. Ayes Thies, Grams, Wiemann, Evenson, Nielsen. Carried.

**MAWQCP:** Herman Bartsch, South Central Area Certification Specialist sent a request for the certification incentive for Karl Schauer. Karl recently completed his certification towards the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the \$300 certification incentive for Karl Schauer. Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

**Annual Convention:** A motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, to approve all supervisors and staff to attend the 2018 annual MASWCD convention. The convention will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Bloomington December 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

**2018 Resolution Packets:** Wurscher reminded the supervisors to turn in their 2018 resolution ballots.

**NACD Dues:** Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve payment

towards the 2019 NACD dues in the amount of \$775 (Gold Status). Ayes Nielsen, Evenson, Grams, Thies, Wiemann. Carried

**AIS Update:** Wurscher and Bushman informed the board of the meetings they had in September with WSB and the Water Resources Center (Mankato) about starting up some research efforts using AIS funds on area lakes. These studies will have a focus on aquatic vegetation surveys and carp movements/populations.

**Area VI Meeting:** Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen it was moved to approve all staff and supervisors to attend the Area VI meeting held in Fairmont on November 27th. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

**Supervisor & Staff Report:** See attached.

**Other Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting at 4:00 p.m. located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Thies, Nielsen, Grams. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Approved: November 8, 2018

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**Secretary**