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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN on January 9th, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair – Evenson at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Vice Chair, Loren Evenson
Secretary, Paul Wiemann
Member, Wayne Grams

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin
Conservation Technician, Tara O'Brien
FSA-County Executive Director, Jennifer King
Sibley County Commissioner, Steve Saxton

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the January 2024 agenda with the cancellation of new business item cost share and the addition of an FSA report. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the minutes of the December 2023 meeting. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve fifty-one paid bills for the month of December totaling \$242,122.30. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the January 2024 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Old Business: Wurscher then gave a brief update towards the non-compliance issues with RIM easements #72-15-87-01 and #72-04-93-02.

NRCS Report: See attached.

FSA Report: See attached.

New Business:

MASWCD Dues: Wurscher received an invoice for the FY24 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$7,077.92. That amount was up from the 2023 invoice of \$6,244.30. A motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, moving to approve payment in the amount of \$7,077.92. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Supervisor & Staff Reports: See attached staff reports.

Other Business: Wurscher passed around to the members present the FY22 Sibley SWCD audit report. The audit and report were completed by Peterson Company LTD.

Wurscher had announced that Blue Earth SWCD will be submitting a grant application towards the Soil Health staffing grant. Wurscher stated that they are planning on utilizing that money received to hire an area wide soil health coordinator position. There has been further discussion surrounding three other districts hiring staff at different capacities that will address soil health falling under this umbrella as well. Wurscher followed by saying that the application deadline is February 8th.

Next Meeting: February 13th, 2024, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Wiemann seconded by Grams, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Approved: February 13, 2024

Secretary