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## MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, Conference Call on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

Members Present: Chair, Paul Wiemann  
Vice Chair, Robert Nielsen  
Secretary, Wayne Grams  
Treasurer, Kathleen Thies  
Member, Loren Evenson

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
District Conservationist-Team Lead- NRCS, Jacob Stich  
Sibley County Commissioner, Joy Cohrs

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

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the minutes of the May 2021 meeting. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve 31 paid bills for the month of May totaling \$36,142.21. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the June 2021 Treasurer's report as reported. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

**Old Business:** None.

**2021 Fair Booth:** Discussions occurred between the Board members about reserving and staffing a booth at the upcoming Sibley County fair, held August 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. With a motion by Grams and a second by Thies, it was moved to approve reserving up to two booths. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

**1W1P Updates:** Wurscher gave updates on both the Lower MN River-West as well as the South Fork Crow River watersheds. Wurscher stated that at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Policy Committee meeting, it was determined to use a 3-tier approach to issue prioritization. Wurscher then listed out the tiers and explained how they were determined and will be used moving forward in the process. Wurscher then stated that the Advisory Committee will meet again on June 17<sup>th</sup>, and will begin the process of spatial prioritization. Wiemann added that the staff are doing a great job with this project. Wurscher moved on to tell the Board that the South Fork Crow River is working on a MOA between the thirteen participating partners. He said that an

application has been completed and is ready to submit by the June 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. Lastly, Wurscher described to the Board the entity roles and that they had a cost estimate range of \$245,000-\$255,000.

**CPL Grant Update:** Wurscher told the Board that Mackenthun had submitted applications and information to the HICWD, MN DNR Waters, and Army Corps. Wurscher stated that the footprint of the project will require 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an acre in wetland credits. Wurscher notified the Board that a draft of the JPA was not quite finished and that hopefully he would be able to share something with them by the next monthly board meeting.

**NRCS Report:** Stich informed the board that they are wrapping up EQIP obligations with the deadline set for July 23<sup>rd</sup>. He then noted that they received the CSP pre-approved list and that there are 3 from Sibley County. In addition, there are 12 applications for the 2022 CSP renewals. Stich went on to tell the board about the status of CRP since there had been some changes. Lastly, Stich mentioned the staffing changes and how each office would be covered.

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

**Other Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** July 13, 2021, starting at 4 p.m, located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Thies seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Evenson, Grams, Wiemann. Carried.

Approved: July 13, 2021

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**Secretary**