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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN on
October 12th, 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
Sibley County Commissioner, Joy Cohrs

Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the October 2021 agenda with the addition of cost share to new business. Ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

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

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve 28 paid bills for the month of September totaling \$25,978.82. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

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

Old Business: None.

Award of Contract – High Island Lake Dam: Wurscher gave the Board an update on the latest news in relation to the dam. He explained to the board the bidding process and gave each member a technical memorandum handout detailing each submitted bid and the recommendation that was given from Houston Engineering, Inc. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to award Landpride Construction LLC with the contract being the lowest qualified bidder at \$534,138. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

MASWCD Resolution Ballots/Voting: Wurscher asked the Board for their ballots and if they had any questions or wanted to discuss any resolutions. Not all of the Board members received their voting information. Wurscher made copies and asked those that had not submitted their ballots, do so prior to November 1st.

FY22 Local Capacity Grant: The FY22 Local Capacity grant agreement came in and the District is then tasked with developing a workplan on how to best utilize the money. After much discussion, it was determined to evaluate the District's vehicle needs when the FY23 Local Capacity grant comes in. The District will spend the FY22 money on cost share and employee wages.

NACD Dues: Wurscher notified the Board that he had received a letter from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) in reference to FY22 membership renewal. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve silver status by submitting a payment of \$501.00 to NACD. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Cost Share: A request was made to the Board to enter into a cost-share contract with Joy Cohrs (FY22-1) for a well sealing on her property located in New Auburn Twp. Joy turned in a quote from Mathews Drilling and Pump totaling \$926.00. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve Joy's project at a rate of 50%, not to exceed \$400.00. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Other Business: Wurscher stated that the new County Ditch Manager had started last week and that he would be meeting with Wurscher to discuss working together on the buffer program.

Grams asked Wurscher how the Leading Sibley Together program has been going. Wurscher proceeded to give a brief recap of the first two sessions (New Auburn and Henderson) that he had attended.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2021, starting at 4 p.m, located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Nielsen seconded by Grams, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Approved: November 9, 2021

Secretary