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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 on  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Nielsen at 3:58 p.m.

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

Others Present:         District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
                                  District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin  
                                  Conservation Technician – Jack Bushman

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

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the minutes of the August 2022 meeting. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve twenty-nine paid bills for the month of August totaling \$29,039.08. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the September 2022 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

**Cost Share:** At the August board meeting there was some discussion about possibly changing the well sealing cost share policy. Wurscher read to the board the current cost share policy for well sealings. Then, Wurscher described that over the past two years the average total cost for an individual well sealing was \$1,201.02. The Board discussed raising the maximum allowed cost share while using state and capacity funds. Upon a motion by Wiemann, seconded by Grams, changing the policy to now state, "Well sealings shall not exceed 50% cost share per individual well that is sealed with a maximum of \$550.00 per well. Cost share will not be allowed if the well sealing is being completed due to enforcement action". Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

**MASWCD Leadership Program:** After some discussion there was a motion by Thies seconded by Wiemann, moving to approve Nielsen's attendance at the 2022-2023 MASWCD Leadership Program.

Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson, Thies, Wiemann. Carried. Nielsen added that he attended the state director's meeting held in Brainerd in replacement of Schnobrich. At that meeting, it was discussed of raising MASWCD dues and dates were set for the upcoming annual convention.

**2021 Year End Audit:** Wurscher passed around hard copies of the finalized 2021 year end audit. Wurscher stated that the audit was completed remotely using a document portal. Wurscher also pointed out that Peterson Company added some new standard language this year.

**NRCS Report:** See attached staff report.

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

**Other Business:** Wurscher brought up that he had received a new grant agreement from BWSR regarding the 2023 capacity funding. Wurscher described the draft workplan up to this point, but recalled that the board wanted to discuss the vehicle situation when the grant came in. Wurscher described to the board the current vehicle situation. The board determined that they would like to move on from the 1999 F150 and look at getting something more economical. The board directed Wurscher to get some quotes from Wolf Motors and Brau Motors as well as look into the Area VI vehicle purchase agreement and bring them to the October board meeting.

**Next Meeting:** October 11, 2022, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Thies seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Approved: October 11, 2022

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**Secretary**