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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN on December 7th, 2021.

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

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

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

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

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

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Grams it was moved to approve thirty paid bills for the month of November totaling \$34,651.02. Ayes Wiemann, Grams, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

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

Old Business: Wurscher reported that all of the permits have been acquired in order to move forward with construction of the High Island Lake Dam. Wurscher also added that the construction agreement and notice to proceed had been signed and sent to the proper entities.

Cost Share: Kevin Thies is requesting his first years payment for 80 acres of cover crop using a single species mix in the amount of \$2,768.80. Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve Kevin's first year payment from the state cost share 2021 contract (FY21-3) in the amount of \$2,768.80. Wiemann, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

2021 Performance Evaluations: Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the personnel committee's recommendation of all staff increasing wages by one step on the County's performance increment scale, while the Conservation Technician will move to a grade 12 classification all starting the first pay period in January. Ayes Wiemann, Grams, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

2022 Sibley SWCD Supervisor Positions/Committee Assignments: Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Thies, moving to approve the board positions as follows: Chair – Nielsen, Vice Chair – Grams, Secretary – Thies, Treasurer – Evenson, Member – Wiemann. Committee assignments were also determined to stay the same as they were in 2021. Ayes Wiemann, Grams, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Banking: ProGrowth Bank in Gaylord was the official depository in 2021 for the SWCD. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to leave all banking matters as it was in 2021 and maintain ProGrowth Bank as the official depository for 2022. Ayes Wiemann, Grams, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

Other Business: None.

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

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Grams seconded by Thies, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 p.m. Ayes Wiemann, Grams, Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Approved: January 11, 2022

Secretary