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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN on
June 6th, 2023.

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

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

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher
 District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin
 Water Resources Coordinator, Jack Bushman
 Conservation Technician, Tara O'Brien

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the June 2023 agenda as presented. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve thirty-five paid bills for the month of May totaling \$32,158.01. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Old Business:

Wurscher discussed with the Board the potential of having to enter into another agreement/contract to do some repairs on the newly constructed outlet dam of High Island Lake. After record snowfalls and spring rains, the DNR made their assessments of what work had to be completed. Some fill, reshaping of the berm, installation of additional class III rip-rap, and re-seeding will need to take place. Since some of this work may fall under warranty, the District may need to be involved. Otherwise, the DNR could possibly attain and administer money through a sole source agreement.

NRCS Report: No report.

New Business:

Cost Share: A request was made from Travis Dahlke (FY23-2) to enter into a contract for 89 acres of no-till/strip-till (\$16.84/ac.) located in Green Isle and Washington Lake Twp. Over the 3-year time span, the

total would come to \$4,496.28. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen it was moved to approve Dahlke's cost share request. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Area VI Meeting: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to allow any staff and Supervisors to attend the Area VI meeting on June 21st, held at the American Legion in Gaylord. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Strengthening Sibley's Future: Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve Bushman attending this year's Strengthening Sibley's Future program. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried. Nielsen followed that discussion by making a case for staff and/or supervisors to attend the MASWCD Leadership program.

1W1P – Middle MN Mankato Watershed: Wurscher had sent out a resolution (#2023-2) towards the 1W1P planning efforts of the Middle MN-Mankato Watershed. This resolution also stated that Sibley SWCD would opt out of these efforts due to the size of the planning area within Sibley County. Wiemann asked how this resolution would affect the residents in that portion of Sibley County that lies within the watershed. Upon a motion by Nielsen seconded by Thies, it was moved to pass resolution #2023-2. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

MASWCD Resolutions: After some discussion, it was decided that no new resolutions from Sibley SWCD would be brought forward to the Area VI meeting in June.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached staff report. Wiemann asked staff if anyone had come into the office asking about the dam at the outlet of Lake Titlow.

Other Business: None.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2023, 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 4:40 p.m. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Approved: July 11, 2023

Secretary