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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334
August 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Thies at 4:01 P.M.

Members Present:	Chair, Kathleen Thies Vice Chair, Loren Evenson Secretary, Paul Wiemann
Others Present:	District Manager, Joel Wurscher District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin Water Planner/Watershed Technician, Ron Otto Conservation Technician, Jack Bushman District Conservationist - NRCS, April Sullivan District Conservationist-Team Lead- NRCS, Jacob Stich Board Conservationist – BWSR, Jenny Mocol-Johnson County Commissioner, Joy Cohrs

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the minutes of the July 2019 meeting. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve 49 paid bills for July 2019 totaling $33,582.88. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Evenson and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the August 2019 Treasurer's report subject to audit. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Old Business: None.

Cost Share: A request was presented to the Board to enter into a CWF Cost-Share contract with Jim Carlson (FY19CWF-11) for a well sealing on a property located in Cornish Twp., Sec. 26. Jim had a quote from Searles Well Drilling Inc. of $745.00 total for the project. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the CWF contract for Jim Carlson at 50% or $372.50, whichever comes in less. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson. Carried.

A second request was presented to the Board to enter into a CWF Cost-Share contract with Jim Carlson (FY19CWF-12) for a well sealing on the same Cornish Twp. property. Jim's quote from Searles Well Drilling Inc. on the second well came out to $845.00. Upon a motion by Evenson and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the CWF contract for Jim Carlson at 50% or $422.50, whichever comes in less. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson. Carried.

A third request was presented to the Board to enter into a CWF Cost-Share contract with Jim Carlson (FY19CWF-

13) for a well sealing, again, on the same Cornish Twp. property. Jim's quote from Searles Well Drilling Inc. on the third well came out to $945.00. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the CWF contract for Jim Carlson at 50% or $472.50, whichever comes in less. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson. Carried.

BWSR Grant Amendments/Reconciliations: Wurscher notified the Board that the SWCD had received grant amendments for both years 2020/2021 of state cost share and conservation delivery. These amendments had been signed and sent back to the State. Soon after, the amendments were executed.

Wurscher then informed the Board that a reconciliation had been performed by Julie Krebs (BWSR) on the 2018 Local Capacity grant. At that point, the grant was 86% spent and no issues or concerns arose during the audit.

1W1P – Policy Committee: The Board and staff discussed the roles and responsibilities of the policy committee within the grand scheme of the 1W1P process. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to appoint Wiemann to the policy committee with Evenson serving as the alternate pending approval of funding the 1W1P planning grant. Ayes Thies, Wiemann, Evenson. Carried.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

Other Business: Wurscher informed the Board that Ryberg Farms, Inc. has accepted the 2019 Outstanding Conservationists of the Year Award. Wurscher noted the he visited the farm with Otto and interviewed them. A sign had been made and will be delivered soon.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2019, starting at 4 p.m. located at 112 5th St., Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 P.M. Ayes Wiemann, Evenson, Thies. Carried.

Approved: September 10, 2019

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Secretary