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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  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

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

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin  
Conservation Technician, Jack Bushman  
District Conservationist - NRCS, Joel Alicea-Hernandez

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

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve thirty-five paid bills for the month of April totaling \$29,174.62. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

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

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

**Cost Share:** A request was made from Pete Kramer (CAP22-1) to enter into a contract for 50 acres of cover crop on several properties primarily located in Moltke Twp. Cost share for multi species cover crop is \$42.67/ac. Over the 3-year time span, the total would come to \$6,400.50. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve Kramer's cost share request. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Then, a request was made from the Bethke Family Trust (CAP22-2) to enter into a contract for a grade stabilization structure (410 practice) located in Kelso Twp. A total cost estimate of the project was \$37,718.00. This trust is requesting that the district would provide cost share in the amount of \$15,485.50 or 75% in conjunction with EQIP. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the Bethke Family Trust request. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

A third request was made to the board, this time from John Dacey (CAP22-3) to enter into a contract for multiple water and sediment control basins (638 practice) located in Jessenland Twp. Estimated cost of the structures are \$13,148.50 with the district providing cost share of \$3,474.37 in conjunction with his approved EQIP contract. Money provided through the SWCD cost share would again bring the total cost shared amount up to 75%. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve Dacey's request. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

The last cost share request made to the Board was from Karl Dieball Jr. (CAP22-4). This request was made to enter into a contract for three water and sediment control basins (638 practice) located in Faxon Twp. Estimated costs for the structures are \$18,693.00 with the district providing cost share of \$2,769.75 in conjunction with his approved EQIP contract. Money provided through the SWCD cost share would again bring the total cost shared amount up to 75%. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve Dieball's request. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

**Tree Program Recap:** Buckentin gave a report recapping the 2022 tree program. Buckentin stated that tree pick-up went fairly smoothly this year, although the trees did not arrive when they were supposed to. He noted that over 100 orders, 5,226 total trees and 11 plant kits were sold. Buckentin added that he had already placed their nursery orders for the 2023 program.

**MASWCD 2022 Call for Resolutions:** After some discussion by the Board and staff, it was determined that no resolutions from Sibley SWCD would be presented to Area VI at the next meeting in June.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

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

**Other Business:** Wurscher notified the Board that the SWCD Board Member filing period opens up on May 17<sup>th</sup> and closes on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** June 14, 2022, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Wiemann seconded by Grams, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Wiemann. Carried.

Approved: June 14, 2022

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**Secretary**