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## MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, Clear Lake Park on **August 11, 2020**.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Evenson at 4:02 p.m.

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

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

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

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the minutes of the July 2020 meeting upon corrections. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve 38 paid bills for the month of July totaling \$52,741.45. Ayes Thies, Grams, Nielsen, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the August 2020 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Nielsen, Thies, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

**Old Business:** None.

**Cost Share:** The District received a request from Allan Dose (FY20-2, CAP19-10) to enter into a contract for a water and sediment control basin (WASCOB - 638) on a property located in Arlington Twp. Sec. 5. Estimated total cost for the project is \$9,512.80, with the district providing \$7,122.72 in cost share. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Grams it was moved to approve Allan's request. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Another structural practice request was made to the board, this time from Bethke Family Trust (CAP19-9) to enter into a contract for a grade stabilization structure and waterway located in Kelso Twp., Sec. 15. Estimated costs of the project are \$38,875.00, with the district providing cost share of \$2,477.25, in conjunction with his approved EQIP contract bringing the total cost share amount up to 75%. Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve this request. Ayes Evenson, Thies, Grams, Nielsen. Carried.

Lyle Black's wells have been sealed and he is requesting final payments for both contracts. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve final payment for the Clean Water Fund contract (FY19CWF-19, FY19-4) at a rate of \$202.50. Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried. A second motion was made, this time by Thies and seconded by Grams, moving to approve final payment for the Clean Water Fund contract (FY19CWF-20) at a rate of \$152.50. Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Evenson, Grams. Carried.

**Civil 3D:** Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the renewal of Civil 3D at a rate of \$5,955.00 for a three year subscription. Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

**NRCS Report:** No report.

**Supervisor & Staff Report:** See attached staff reports. Evenson informed the group that the County was cutting buffers that they had planted. If a landowner would prefer to not have their buffers cut, they can request the County add them to the “do not cut list” by contacting the Auditor’s office.

**Other Business:** Wurscher notified the Board that Rhonda Stolt at ProGrowth Bank contacted him to let him know that it is time to update the District’s representatives for their secured party authorization representatives. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve giving authorization or acceptance of pledged securities to Grams and Wurscher. Ayes Thies, Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

Wurscher informed the Board that MASWCD will be hosting their annual convention virtually this year. With that, MASWCD has decided to postpone the awards program so the Board had to decide what they wanted to do with their nomination from July. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve holding off this year and nominating Kevin and Kathleen Thies as the 2021 conservationist of the year. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Evenson. Carried.

**Next Meeting:** September 8, 2020, starting at 4 p.m., 112 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Grams seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Ayes Evenson, Grams, Thies, Nielsen. Carried.

Approved: September 8, 2020

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**Secretary**