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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  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair – Thies at 4:02 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

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

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

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve thirty paid bills for the month of March totaling \$27,163.25. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

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

**Old Business:** Prior to the meeting, Wurscher provided a handout on the catering options provided by the American Legion. The Board discussed at length where to host the Area 6 meeting and which food option to go with. It was determined to host the event at the American Legion in Gaylord and have them do the catering as well.

Wurscher provided a brief update and timetable on his discussions with Brau Motors in Arlington towards the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Equinox.

**NRCS Report:** Chavez was not able to attend the meeting, but provided a handout of her NRCS report.

### **New Business:**

**Banking:** Again, prior to the meeting, Wurscher provided a handout on the info requested by the Board regarding CD rates. After some discussion, there was a consensus to maintain all banking matters as is for the time being.

**Personnel Committee Recommendations:** A motion was made by Wiemann, seconded by Grams, moving to change Bushman's title from Conservation Technician to Water Resources Coordinator. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Wurscher explained to the Board the need for additional staff and provided a handout in the Board packet with a potential job announcement for an additional position for the District. After some discussion, a motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Grams moving to open up and announce a Conservation Technician position at a grade 10 level. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried. Following the new position discussion, a motion was made by Wiemann, seconded by Grams moving to agree to the quote from CTS on a new computer and monitor. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

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

**Other Business:**

Wiemann announced that the planning part of the 1WIP process is now complete. He questioned if there were any other Board members that had an interest in replacing him on the Policy Advisory Committee. The rest of the Board thought Wiemann was doing a fine job and they recommended keeping him on that committee.

**Next Meeting:** May 9, 2023, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Grams seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Ayes Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen. Carried.

Approved: May 9, 2023

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**Secretary**