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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN on
January 11th, 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
Treasurer, Loren Evenson
Member, Paul Wiemann

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin

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

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the minutes of the December 2021 meeting with one correction. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve thirty-four paid bills for the month of December totaling \$41,021.43. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

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

Old Business: None.

Cost Share: A request was made from Paul Platz (FY22-2) to enter into a contract for 68.7 acres/year of cover crop located in Alfsborg Twp. Cost share for single species cover crop is \$34.90/ac. Over the 3-year time span, the total would come to \$7,192.89. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve Paul's cost share request. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Joy Cohr's well had been sealed by Mathews Well Drilling. The total cost of the sealing came in at \$900.00 and Joy requested final cost share payment in the amount of \$400.00. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve final payment (FY22-1) at a rate of \$400.00. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

MASWCD Dues: The District received an invoice for the 2022 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$4,590.62. This amount was up from the 2021 invoice of \$3,338.27. After some discussion the Board appointed Wurscher to find out the formula for which MASWCD comes up with their dollar amount

request. With that said, Sibley SWCD values the work MASWCD does for their organization and upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve payment in the amount of \$4,590.62. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

2022 SWCD Annual Plan: A draft of the plan was sent out prior to the board meeting for review. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve the 2022 Sibley SWCD Annual Plan as presented. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: See attached.

Other Business: First, Wurscher informed the Board that as of this coming February, Jennifer Mocol-Johnson will no longer be their Board Conservationist. She will work through reporting season, but has taken another position with BWSR. Wurscher then stated that it sounded as if Jeremy Maul will replace her acquiring all the entities and 1WIP's Jenny previously covered.

Wurscher had requested Board action regarding the addition of Juneteenth as a recognized holiday in the District personnel policy. The topic was tabled until the next monthly meeting with the Board requesting further information if either Sibley County or BWSR have adopted and recognized the new Federal holiday.

After Wurscher had sent out the meeting packet, he had received an invoice for the 2022 Area VI dues in the amount of \$400.00. Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann it was moved to approve payment. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Lastly, Wurscher passed around the most recent issue of the newsletter that had been recently sent out to all rural residents of Sibley County.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2022, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Grams seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m. Ayes Nielsen, Grams, Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Approved: February 8, 2022

Secretary