



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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April 11, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The April Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened at the USDA Ag. Service Center in North Branch on April 11, 2017. Vice-Chair Cleveland called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Roland Cleveland, Craig Mold, David Tollberg and Justin Wilson
Board members absent: Jim Birkholz
Staff present: Craig Mell, Susan Humble and Deb Hermel (NRCS District Conservationist)

AGENDA

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Mold to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Recent correspondence were reviewed by the board, no action taken.

STAFF REPORTS

NRCS District Conservationist Debra Hermel reviewed the past months NRCS activities.
SWCD District Administrator Craig Mell reviewed the past months SWCD activities.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Cramaur Farms, LLC
- Contract #: SWCD LC 17-1
- Conservation Practice: Grassed Waterway
- Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018
- Total Project Cost: \$9,000
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$8,500
 - \$7,500 FY17 SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant
 - \$1,000 SWCD Cost Share Funds
- Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist

The motion carried as follows:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Cleveland, Tollberg, Wilson OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: Mold.

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Matthew Hagfors
- Contract #: CWF RG 17-1
- Conservation Practice: Water and sediment control basin(s)
- Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018

- Total Project Cost: \$15,000
 - Approved Cost Share Amount: \$6,000
 - \$5,000 FY17 CWF Rush Lake/Goose Lake TMDL Implementation Grant
 - \$1,000 Rush Lake Improvement Association
 - Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist
- Motion carried.

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Nelson Bloom
 - Contract #: TW AG 15-10
 - Conservation Practice: Water and sediment control basin(s)
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018
 - Total Project Cost: \$18,500
 - Approved Cost Share Amount: \$11,500
 - \$11,500 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant
 - Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist
- Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: David Thompson
 - Contract #: TW AG 15-11
 - Conservation Practice: Water and Sediment Control Basin
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018
 - Total Project Cost: \$20,000
 - Approved Cost Share Amount: \$10,000
 - \$10,000 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant
 - Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist
- Motion carried.

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Patrick Eichten
 - Contract #: TW AG 15-12
 - Conservation Practice: Water and Sediment Control Basin
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018
 - Total Project Cost: \$15,000
 - Approved Cost Share Amount: \$9,000
 - \$9,000 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant
 - Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist
- Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Patrick Eichten
 - Contract #: TW AG 15-13
 - Conservation Practice: Grassed Waterway
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018
 - Total Project Cost: \$5,000
 - Approved Cost Share Amount: \$4,000
 - \$4,000 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant
 - Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist
- Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Bryan Peterson
 - Contract #: CWF DCGS 15-3
 - Conservation Practice: Water and Sediment Control Basin
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018
 - Total Project Cost: \$60,000
 - Approved Cost Share Amount: \$45,000
 - \$45,000 FY15 CWF Dry Creek Watershed Gully Stabilization Program
 - Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist
- Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Debra Scott
 - Contract #: CWF-SCRE 14-10
 - Conservation Practice: Water and Sediment Control Basin
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2017
 - Total Project Cost: \$26,000
 - Approved Cost Share Amount: \$26,000
 - \$12,250.06 FY14 CWF St. Croix River Escarpment Gully Stabilization
 - \$8,749.94 FY16 CWF St. Croix River Escarpment Gully Stabilization
 - \$5,000 St. Croix River Association Federal 319 Grant Funds
 - Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist
- Motion carried.

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Mold to approve the following cost share request:

- Applicant: Max Gustafson
 - Contract #: TW AG 15-14
 - Conservation Practice: Access Control (472) with Fencing (382)
 - Project Completion Date: November 30, 2018
 - Total Project Cost: \$4,200
 - Approved Cost Share Amount: \$3,200
 - \$2,400 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant
 - \$800 Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
 - Technical Representative: Debra Hermel, USDA NRCS District Conservationist
- Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following cost share payment:

- Applicant: City of Center City
- Contract #: TW NS 15-2
- Conservation Practice: Stormwater Catch Basin Inlet Protection
- Requested Cost Share Amount: \$2,264.80
 - \$1,364.80 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant Funds
 - \$900 Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Grant Funds

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

State Buffer Program

District Administrator Mell reviewed with the Board the April 3, 2017, BWSR Common Alternative Practices guidance document. This technical document provides an overview of the process and considerations conducted by Soil and Water Conservation Districts when assisting landowners in implementing the Alternative Practices provision in the Minnesota Buffer Law. Additionally, this document details a “6 pack” of

common alternative practices that may be a useful start for landowners interested in water quality protection options comparable to a buffer and to SWCDs in offering alternative practices implementation support and validation. No Board action was taken.

State Buffer Program – Local Water Resource Riparian Protection

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Mold to approve Resolution No. 2017-04-01 Local Water Resource Riparian Protection in Chisago County to meet the requirements under Minnesota Statutes §103F.48 pertaining to the State Buffer Law and “other watercourses” that may benefit from the installation of buffers or alternative practices to protect and improve water quality.

NEW BUSINESS

No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No action taken.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Mold to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.



Secretary

*Attachments available at SWCD office.

5-9-17
Date