



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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July 18, 2017

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The July Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened at the USDA Ag. Service Center in North Branch on July 18, 2017. Vice-Chair Cleveland called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Jim Birkholz (arrived @ 8:30 a.m.), Roland Cleveland, Craig Mold, and Justin Wilson

Absent: David Tollberg

Staff present: Craig Mell, Susan Humble, and Deb Hermel (NRCS District Conservationist)

Others present: Dale Krystosek (BWSR Performance Review & Assistance Program Coordinator)

AGENDA

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve the Agenda as printed after moving item 8d to after Correspondence/Public Comment. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Recent correspondence were reviewed by the board.

Chair Birkholz arrived.

BWSR PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PRAP)

Dale Krystosek (BWSR Performance Review & Assistance Program Coordinator) reviewed the PRAP report for the Chisago SWCD with the Board. No Board action was taken.

STAFF REPORTS

NRCS District Conservationist Deb Hermel reviewed the past months NRCS activities (*see attached).

SWCD District Administrator Craig Mell reviewed the past months SWCD activities.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve the following project certification and cost-share payment:

- Applicant: David Thompson
- Contract #: TW AG 15-11
- Conservation Practice: Water and Sediment Control Basin
- Total Project Cost: \$21,623.50
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$7,632.45 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant

Motion carried.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve the following project certification and cost share payment:

- Applicant: Cramaur Farms, LLC
- Contract #: SWCD LC 17-1
- Conservation Practice: Grassed Waterway
- Total Project Cost: \$6,974
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$5,294.35
 - \$4,794.35 FY17 SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant
 - \$500 SWCD Cost Share Funds

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Cleveland, Birkholz, Wilson OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: Mold.
Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve the following project certification and cost share payment:

- Applicant: Patrick Eichten
- Contract #: TW AG 15-12
- Conservation Practice: Water and Sediment Control Basin
- Total Project Cost: \$11,010.28
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$5,525.37 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant

Motion carried.

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve the following project certification and cost share payment:

- Applicant: Patrick Eichten
- Contract #: TW AG 15-13
- Conservation Practice: Grassed Waterway
- Total Project Cost: \$4,846.90
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$3,928 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant

Motion carried.

Motion by Birkholz and seconded by Mold to approve the following project certification and cost share payment:

- Applicant: Nelson Bloom
- Contract #: TW AG 15-10
- Conservation Practice: Water and sediment control basin(s)
- Total Project Cost: \$18,225.12
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$10,107.15 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant

Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Cleveland to approve the following project certification and cost-share payment:

- Applicant: Debra Scott
- Contract #: CWF-SCRE 14-10
- Conservation Practice: Water and Sediment Control Basin
- 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

Motion carried.

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

- Applicant: City of Taylors Falls
- Contract #: SCRE 16-2
- Conservation Practice: Trench Drain, Underground Outlet
- Cost Share Request Amount: \$20,000
 - \$15,000.00 FY16 CWF St. Croix Escarpment Taylors Falls Gully Stabilization
 - \$5,000.00 FY16 St. Croix River Association Grant 319 Grant
- Technical Representative: James Landini, Washington Conservation District PE

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

State Buffer Program

District Administrator Mell updated the Board on the status of the State Buffer Law.

No Board action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

FY18 BWSR Chisago SWCD Base Grants

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources FY18 Chisago SWCD Base Grants which include the following:

- Conservation Delivery Grant
- State Cost Share Grant
- SWCD Local Capacity Grant
- Buffer Implementation Grant
- Buffer Cost Share Grant

and to designate District Administrator Mell as the District's Authorized Representative to sign all grant agreement documents. Motion carried.

FY18 Clean Water Fund Grant Applications

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve staff submitting the following FY18 Clean Water Fund grant applications to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources prior to the upcoming August deadline:

- Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes BMP Implementation
- Plastic Products (City of Lindstrom) Stormwater Treatment Project
- Lower Sunrise River Gully Inventory Implementation
- Lakeshore Restorations

Motion carried.

Staff Training Request

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve sending Mary Jo Youngbauer to the USDA NRCS Conservation Planning Course in Redwing the week of August 15-18 and pay all necessary expenses (travel, lodging, and meals) related to the training. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No action taken.

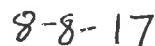
ADJOURNMENT

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



Secretary

*Attachments available at SWCD office.



Date