



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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July 9, 2019

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The July Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened at the Chisago SWCD office in North Branch on July 9th, 2019. Chair Birkholz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Supervisors Present: Jim Birkholz, Roland Cleveland, Craig Mold, David Tollberg, and Justin Wilson
Staff: Craig Mell and Debra Hermel (NRCS District Conservationist)

AGENDA

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to approve the agenda as listed. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Recent correspondence was reviewed by the board.

Motion by Mold and seconded by Tollberg to appoint Supervisor Cleveland and Administrative Assistant Humble to the MASWCD 2019 State Convention Planning Committee. Motion carried.

STAFF/SUPERVISOR REPORTS

NRCS District Conservationist Debra Hermel and District Administrator Mell reviewed the past months office activities.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to cancel cost share contract GCW 17-5 with Mr. Duane Luehring due to the fact he has sold his property. Motion carried.

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the following project certification and payment request:

- Applicant: Kevin Rochel
- Contract #: SRCE 19-2
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, lined waterway and outlet, underground outlet, mulching, and critical area planting
- Total Project Cost: \$12,030.04
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$9,000 FY19 CWF St. Croix River Escarpment Gully Stabilization Funds.
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mold and seconded by Cleveland to approve the following project certification and payment request:

- Applicant: Kevin Rochel
- Contract #: SCRE 19-1

- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, diversion, lined waterway and outlet, underground outlet, mulching, and critical area planting.
- Total Project Cost: \$23,833.08
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$16,000 FY19 CWF St. Croix River Escarpment Gully Stabilization Funds
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried.

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

- Applicant: Roger Blazek
- Contract #: GCW 17-8
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, diversion, lined waterway or outlet, underground outlet, mulching, and critical area planting
- Total Project Cost: \$4,023.60
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$1,730.30 FY17 CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL WRAPS implementation funds
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried

Motion by Mold and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following project certification and payment request:

- Applicant: Lee Olson
- Contract #: GCW 17-9
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, grade stabilization structure, lined waterway or outlet, underground outlet, mulching, and critical area planting
- Total Project Cost: \$5,330.50
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$2,869.34 FY17 CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL WRAPS Implementation funds.
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried

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

- Applicant: Matt Hagfors
- Contract #: GCW 17-10
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, lined waterway or outlet, underground outlet, mulching, and critical area planting
- Total Project Cost: \$14,675.05
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$1,365.27 FY17 CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL WRAPS Implementation funds
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried

Motion by Birkholz and seconded by Cleveland to approve the following project certification and payment request:

- Applicant: Mallery Jerseys Inc.
- Contract #: CWF WQIMJ 17-2
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, diversion, lined waterway and outlet, underground outlet, mulching, and critical area planting
- Total Project Cost: \$21,956.69
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$12,000 FY17 CWF Water Quality Improvements on the Mallery Jersey Dairy Farm grant
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried

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

- Applicant: Ridge Point Townhome Association
- Conservation Practice: native planting with erosion control blanket and mulch
- Total Project Cost: \$4,140
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$1,500 FY19 Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Landowner Cost Share Program
- Technical Representative: Casey Thiel

Motion carried

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

- Applicant: Doug Hagfors
- Contract #: GCW 17-11
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, lined waterway and outlet, underground outlet, mulching, and critical area planting.
- Total Project Cost: \$3,819.20
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$2,668.15 FY17 CWF Goose Creek Watershed TMDL WRAPS Implementation funds.
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following project certification and payment request:

- Applicant: Dale Fredell
- Contract #: TW AG 15-22
- Conservation Practice: water and sediment control basin, lined waterway or outlet, subsurface drain, underground outlet, mulching and critical area planting
- Total Project Cost: \$20,774.35
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$11,892.91 FY15 Targeted Watershed Grant
- Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following Conservation Practice Assistance Contract:

- Applicant: John & Colleen Santi
- Contract #: SCS 19-1
- Conservation Practice: Lined Waterway
- Project Completion Date: November 30, 2019
- Total Project Cost: \$13,844
- Approved Cost Share Amount: \$13,844
 - \$8,844 – 2019 State Cost Share Grant
 - \$5,000 – Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Grant
- Technical Representative: Rebecca Nestigen, PE, Washington Conservation District

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No board action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

DNR Farm Bill Assistance Grant

Motion by Mold and seconded by Tollberg to approve the MN DNR 2020 Farm Bill Assistance Grant Agreement and to designate District Administrator Mell as the District's Authorized Representative to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

DNR Groundwater Level Monitoring Contract

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Cleveland to approve the MN DNR 2020 Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement and to designate District Administrator Mell as the District’s Authorized Representative to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

St. Croix River Association Lake St. Croix Watershed Improvement Grant

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Mold to approve Grant Agreement #61220192 with the St. Croix River Association for the Mallery Animal Waste Storage Facility Project and to authorize District Administrator Mell to be the grantee’s authorized representative, which includes signing all documents related to this contract. Motion carried

2019 Chisago SWCD Outstanding Conservationist

The SWCD Board discussed potential candidates for the 2019 award. No board action was taken at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

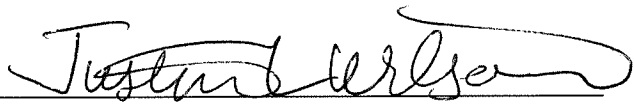
No action taken.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Birkholz adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.


Secretary

8-13-19
Date