



STEELE COUNTY
Soil and Water Conservation District

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The regular monthly meeting of the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Dan Hansen at 5:00 PM on Tuesday April 14, 2020 through conference call.

<u>SWCD Supervisors</u> <u>Present:</u>	<u>SWCD Staff</u> <u>Present:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Mark Ihlenfeld, Reporter	Adam Arndt		
Dan Hansen, Chairman	Eric Gulbransen		
Jim Klecker, Secretary	Adrienne Gransee		
Kyle Wolfe, Vice-Chair			
Dave Melby, Treasurer			

The April agenda was reviewed, no changes were made.

The March minutes were distributed to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Wolfe, to approve the minutes. Motion was carried by roll call vote.

The March Treasurer’s Report was read by Melby. Motion was made by Ihlenfeld, seconded by Klecker, to approve the March Treasurer’s Report. Motion was carried by roll call vote.

Bills: (See attached) Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Wolfe, to approve paying the bills. Motion was carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cover Crops for Construction Policy – Adam Arndt presented the new policy to the Board. It would utilize State Cost Share funds and provide for landowners to put cover crops in areas where summer construction would normally cause crop damage. BWSR has a policy in place that allows for this type of practice. The incentive payment would be \$150 per acre with a 10 acre maximum. Motion was made by Ihlenfeld, seconded by Klecker, to approve the new policy. Motion carried by roll call vote.
2. Cover Crop Contracts – Adam Arndt presented the contracts listed below for approval. Motion to approve them was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker, and passed by roll call vote.
 - Aaron Schroht, 3-19-CC
 - Randt Schroht, 4-19-CC
 - Wayne Schoelljerd, 1-20-CC
3. Covid-19 Interim Leave Policy – Adrienne Gransee presented the draft leave policy to the Board. The policy outlines how the new Federal regulations on Covid related leave will be incorporated. An leave request form was also included. There was discussion and a few minor changes were made. Motion to adopt the policy was made by Wolfe, seconded by Melby, and passed by roll call vote.

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4. Tree Day Assistance – Adam Arndt requested to hire a temporary person or two to assist with tree preparations and delivery. They would be paid \$15 per hour. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Melby, to approve hiring up to two people. Motion carried by roll call vote.
5. Dave Copeland Report – Dave Copeland reviewed the information that he prepared for the Board. He spoke about changes taking place due to Covid-19 as well as a recent request for proposals.
6. JPB Dues – There was a discussion about an increase in the JPB dues. There was some discussion about exactly how much the increase was going to be and why it is needed. Motion was made by Ihlenfeld, seconded by Wolfe, to approve paying up to \$3500 in dues to the JPB. The motion carried by roll call vote.
7. Resolution of Support – Le Surer 1W1P – Eric Gulbransen presented the resolution stating that the Steele SWCD will support and cooperate with the Le Surer watershed in their application for 1W1Pon was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker, to approve the resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote.
8. MAWQCP Request for TA & Promotional funds – Gulbransen presented the request to the Board. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ihlenfeld, to approve the request. Motion carried by roll call vote.
9. Other – Ranger Bids – Eric Gulbransen opened the sealed bids for the 2006 Polaris Ranger. The winning bidder was Jim Smith.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Adrienne Gransee,
Administrative Assistant

April Bills

Cedardale Dev. Co	April Rent		\$716.40
Adam Arndt	Mileage 90@.575		\$51.75
Jaguar	Internet		\$54.95
Cedardale Dev. Co	Garage		\$540.00
DeWitt	Matting & Staples		\$1,231.81
Elan			
	Gas	155.2	
	supplies	74.44	
	Postage	9.50	
	Cell Phone	88.40	
	Meal	16.00	\$343.50
		Total	\$2,938.41