



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 Wednesday October 12, 2022 at the Steele County SWCD Office, 235 Cedardale Drive SE, Owatonna MN, 55060.

<u>SWCD Supervisors Present:</u>	<u>SWCD Staff Present:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Mark Ihlenfeld, Reporter	Eric Gulbransen	Dave Copeland, BWSR	Mike Klecker
Dan Hansen, Chairman	Adam Arndt	Rick Gnemi, County Commissioner	Adrienne Gransee
Dave Melby, Treasurer		Teddy Moreno-Santos, NRCS	
Mark Ditlevson, Vice Chair			

The October agenda was reviewed, item number three was removed and thank you from 4-H award winner was added.

The September minutes were distributed to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Ditlevson, seconded by Ihlenfeld, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

The September Treasurer’s Report was read by Melby. Motion was made by Ihlenfeld, seconded by Ditlevson, to approve the September Treasurer’s Report. Motion was carried by voice vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Meeting Reports – Area 7 MASWCD Meeting – September 27 – Mark Ihlenfeld and Dave Melby reported on the area 7 meeting. Adam Arndt, Eric Gulbransen and Adrienne Gransee also attended this meeting. The meeting included a legislative update and an overview of the Clean Water funds by Sheila Vanney, a presentation on invasive carp, an update on NRCS by Jim Fritz and presentation by Tim Miller from the USFWS on their restoration projects followed by a boat tour. After the tour the are supervisors held their business meeting. They dedicated \$3,000 to an extensive managers training to be held prior to the state convention in December.

Mark Ditlevson attended the field day held at Brett Fuchs’ property. Ditlevson participated on the 6 farmer panel held during the meeting. He reported a good turn out of approximately 50 people.

Dan Hansen gave the Board an update on the Cannon 1W1P meeting. They are currently sending out bids for legal services to counties and private lawyers.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Board meeting Date and Time – Supervisors discussed the options and made the decision to keep the same schedule for 2023.
2. Resolution Packet – Eric Gulbransen presented the Resolution packet to the Board. The Board discussed the manure storage resolution that was presented.
3. Strip Till Incentive Contracts – The Board was presented with the contract listed below. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Ditlevson, to approve the contracts. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 1ST22
 - 2ST22
4. FY20 Local Capacity Grant Extension – Gulbransen presented the grant extension to the Board. The extension is being requested because staff have been unable to locate the fireproof map files that are listed in the budget. The amendment was prepared by Dave Copeland and will be for a 1 year extension.
5. Other – 4H award winner – Clayton Resler was the winner of the Conservation Award and sent a thank you to the District for their sponsorship of the award.

Agency Reports

Dave Copeland spoke briefly about BWSR Academy that is being held at the end of the month. He also stated that he has been working on preparing various grant extensions in addition to ours.

Rick Gnemi reported on the recent vandalism to state and county vehicles. He also reported on his attendance to the North Central Commissioner Convention and the differences that he noted from Southern MN. He also spoke about the ongoing concern of the County jail. It costs \$3 million a year to operate and is not being utilized to its full capacity. There is discussion of closing it down.

Teddy Moreno-Santos stated that he has been performing site visits for CRP contracts that will be expiring in 2023 to perform field verifications. He also reported on the NRCS September area meeting. Minnesota will be receiving 29 million for EQIP and 23.5 million for CSP.

Staff Reports

Eric Gulbransen reported that he has continued to be busy with WCA and the county ditches. One of the WCA violations that he has been involved with has been resolved. He reported that he has been seeing a lot of beaver activity in the county ditches and pipe replacements.

Adam Arndt informed the Board that he has finished water monitoring for the year. He has been moving the drill, which is still being used to complete pasture seedings. He also told the Board that he has finished RIM inspections and assisted in getting the calendar ready to go to the printer.

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrienne Gransee".

Adrienne Gransee,
Administrative Assistant

October Bills

Cedardale Dev. Co	October Rent		\$792.00
Spectrum	Internet		\$64.99
Cedardale Dev. Co	Garage Rent		\$540.00
Elan	Gas	254.16	
	Phone	84.26	
	Supplies	2.66	\$341.08
			\$1,738.07