



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 Mark Ditlevson at 7:05 PM on Wednesday May 11, 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	Jim Smith, NRCS	Dan Hansen, Chairman
Dave Melby, Treasurer	Adrienne Gransee	Jim Brady, County Commissioner	
Mark Ditlevson, Vice Chair	Adam Arndt		
Mike Klecker			

The May agenda was reviewed, no changes were required.

The April minutes were distributed to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

The April 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 voice vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Meeting Reports – Envirothon – April 21 – Dave Melby and Dan Hansen attended as judges for the Envirothon event held at Byron Sportsman and Conservation Club. They both reported that they enjoyed being able to participate in the event. The teams were enthusiastic and did well with their oral presentations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolutions – Meeting 6/28 – Faribault, 9AM to Noon – Eric Gulbransen informed the Board of the upcoming resolutions meeting. There was discussion about the process for submitting a resolution as well as possible ideas. If the Board comes up with other ideas that they would like submitted they were asked to contact Adrienne Gransee or Eric Gulbransen.
2. Conservation Award Candidates – Gransee stated that she would send the current list to the Supervisors for review. If they had additions or changes they would like to make they can contact the office. Choosing the winners will be discussed at the June Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Local Work Group Meeting – 6/14 – 9 AM to Noon – Location TBD – Eric Gulbransen let the Board know that the local work group meeting will be held in person this year and he will keep them updated with details once the location has been determined.
4. Supervisor Filing Period – May 17-31 – The Board was reminded that those who will be running for reelection this year need to file with the County during the open filing period.
5. Cover Crop Cost Share Contract – Alison Jaster – 5-21-CC, \$1,710.00 – Adam Arndt presented the contract for review. The contract is for 3 years with a single cover crop species. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby, to approve the contract. Motion passed by voice vote.
6. Other – There was concern expressed about the drainage plan along the new section of Highway 14. The Board discussed what, if any, role the District plays in the planning stage of these type of projects.

Agency Reports

Jim Smith gave an update for NRCS. There have been no new personnel in the last month. The process continues to get EQIP contracts approved. He also stated that CRP sign up is still ongoing.

Jim Brady stated that with the recent weather ha has been receiving calls about water related issues such as excessive run off and backup in the ditches.

Staff Reports

Adrienne Gransee gave a brief update on Envirothon. She also stated that she has been assisting with getting trees wrapped up and that she and Arndt will be beginning water sampling on May 23.

Eric Gulbransen told the Board that WCA has been more active lately. He provided an update on the ongoing work on JD2. Gulbransen also stated that he assisted with tree pick up.

Adam Arndt has been primarily focused on tree pick up preparations. He informed the Board of the new trailer that was purchased and gave an update on his portion of the JD2 clean out project.

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

May Bills

Cedardale Dev. Co.	May Rent		\$716.40
MetroNet	Internet		\$54.95
Tree World	Tree Tubes		\$1,400.00
Elan	Gas	\$285.01	
	Meals	\$67.06	
	Supplies	\$18.24	
	Phone	\$84.14	
	Postage	\$174.00	
	Office Supplies	\$133.19	
	Admin Training Hotel	\$159.99	\$921.63
Dan Arndt	16.5 hours @ \$15		\$247.50
Leslie Sorensen	19 hours @ \$15		\$285.00
Schumacher	Trees		\$7,264.00
Wolcyn	Trees		\$26,881.55
		TOTAL	\$37,771.03