



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 7:00 PM on Tuesday April 13, 2021 at the Izaak Walton League Lodge.

<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 (via Conference Call)	
Dan Hansen, Chairman	Adrienne Gransee	Kelly Burke, NRCS (via Conference Call)	
Dave Melby, Treasurer	Adam Arndt	James Smith, NRCS (via Conference Call)	
Mike Klecker (via Conference Call)			
Mark Ditlevson			

The April agenda was reviewed and no changes or additions were made.

The March minutes were distributed to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. There were no corrections needed. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Ihlenfeld, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Meeting Reports – Dan Hansen attended a Cannon 1W1P meeting virtually on April 7. They reviewed the rules, regulations and by-laws. They also finalized the contract to make the Rice County Attorney the official attorney for the organization. There was also an discussion about the 2022 dues.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kyle Wolfe Memorial – Dave Melby reported that the Owatonna Gun Club was receptive to having a bench dedicated to Kyle Wolfe installed. He presented the cost of the bench to the Board and discussed options for having it delivered. Motion was made by Ditlevson, seconded by Ihlenfeld, to approve the purchase of the bench. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Tree Week Assistance and Meals – Adam Arndt requested that the Board approve bringing in 3-4 people to assist with tree day preparations. They will be reimbursed \$15/hour for time spent assisting. He also requested that the Board approve the cost of meals for pick-up days. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Ditlevson, to approve these expenses. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Cover Crop Contracts – Adam Arndt presented the contracts listed below for approval. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby, to approve the contracts. Motion passed by voice vote.
 - 9-20-CC, Jesse Starks, \$7,200
 - 10-20-CC, Jon Schmidt, \$7,200
4. Resolutions – Eric Gulbransen presented the timeline for resolutions to the Board. The area meeting is slated to be held either the week of June 15 or the week of June 25. Gulbransen stated that any supervisors that had resolutions they would like to see written should let him know.
5. Logo Shirts for new Supervisors – Adrienne Gransee requested approval to order District logo shirts for the 2 new supervisors. Motion was made by Ihlenfeld, seconded by Melby, to approve that expense. Motion carried by voice vote.

Agency Reports

Dave Copeland gave the Board an update about BWSR's Spring Training. He stated that it was well attended and the feedback that had been submitted was positive. He also stated that BWSR Academy was going to be held in person this year. The dates are set for October 26-28.

Kelly Burke informed the Board that there are currently 5 Equip applications that have been pre-approved. The applications include a high tunnel, waterways, and cover crops. She also stated that she is in the process of developing the packet for the local work group meeting.

Jim Smith stated that he has been visiting sites for potential projects. He also informed the Board that there will be burns taking place in various parts of the county.

Staff Reports

Adrienne Gransee reported that she attended the BWSR Spring Training. She participated in the Insect Allies session and the Productive Online Meetings. Both were interesting and should be beneficial in the future. She got all the tree invoices updated with pick up information and sent out. She also completed and submitted the budgets for the FY21 Local capacity grant and the Buffer Law grant.

Eric Gulbransen stated that he has been working on multiple WCA applications and addressing a few violations as well. He informed the Board that a clean out on CD25 has been started. He also participated in BWSR Spring Training.

Adam Arndt has been doing a variety of training sessions and meetings. He has also been working on finding projects and doing an overhaul on the state cost share policy that the District has in place. He stated that there has been quite a bit of interest in the seeders, primarily for CRP seeding.

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
Jaguar	Internet		\$54.95
Cedardale Dev. Co	Garage		\$540.00
DeWitt	Matting & Staples		\$2,129.73
Tree Pro	Tree Tubes		\$625.00
Izaak Walton League	Building rental		\$50.00
Elan	Training	60.00	
	Cell Phone	88.33	
	Vehicle	139.11	
	Office Supplies	225.20	
	Postage	175.00	\$687.64
Poly Pak Plastics	Tree Bags		\$558.56
		Total	\$5,362.28