



**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 4:05 PM on Tuesday August 11, 2020 at the SWCD office located at 235 Cedardale Drive SE, Owatonna.

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

The August agenda was reviewed, no changes were made.

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

The July Treasurer’s Report was read by Melby. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ihlenfeld, to approve the July Treasurer’s Report. Motion was carried by roll call 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 – Area 7 Resolution Meeting – Kyle Wolfe and Mark Ihlenfeld attended this Zoom meeting. Both Wolfe and Ihlenfeld stated that it was difficult to conduct the meeting through Zoom due to the number of participants. They did state that the guest presenter, a land owner from Olmsted, was very interesting. There were 5 resolutions presented and all 5 passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Adam Arndt presented the cover crop cost share contract listed below for approval. There was a discussion amongst the Board and staff about the option of moving more funding into the cover crop budget. It was decided that the current funding level was sufficient for this year. A motion was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker, to approve the presented cover crop contract. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - 8-20-CC, Tom Polacek, \$9,600

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2. Annual SWCD Convention – Gransee informed the Board that the official announcement had been made and the SWCD convention would be a virtual event this year. The exact details and dates are not yet available but we will pass the information along as it is announced.
3. MCIT Annual Dividend – Gransee presented the 2020 MCIT annual dividend listed below for the Board member’s information.
  - Workers’ Comp - \$1,215
  - Property/Casualty - \$192
4. Conservation Award Winner Recognition - Due to there being no in-person annual convention there was a discussion about how the Board would like to recognize the chosen conservation award winners. It was decided that doing personal visits and offering them the opportunity to do a radio interview would be an appropriate way to handle the situation.

**Agency Reports**

Dave Copeland reported that the Rochester office has official moved but all employees are still teleworking. He also informed the group that it was the last week in the competitive grant application period.

Kelly Burkke reported that there were 2 Equip and 1 CSP that were approved in Steele county. She also stated that they have been working on getting CRP contracts completed.

**Staff Reports**

Adrienne Gransee stated that she has been working on getting the 2020 calendar started, and updating spreadsheets to be used in 2021.

Adam Arndt stated that he has been working on a couple of waterways and completing CRP field checks. He also has been working on CRP contracts and supervising the completion of a ditch clean out.

Eric Gulbransen stated that WCA and ditch work continue to occupy his time. He has also been making a few visits for tree concerns and discussing cover crops with interested landowners.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Wolfe, 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

August Bills

<b>Cedardale Dev. Co.</b>		<b>August Rent</b>			<b>\$716.40</b>
<b>Jaguar</b>		<b>Internet</b>			<b>\$54.95</b>
<b>Ramsey County</b>		<b>Plants</b>			<b>\$265.00</b>
<b>Elan</b>		<b>Office Supplies</b>		<b>\$347.82</b>	
		<b>Gas</b>		<b>\$92.27</b>	
		<b>Cell Phone</b>		<b>\$88.63</b>	<b>\$528.72</b>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,565.07</b>