

## NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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# MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District, 424 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, Minnesota, February 1, 2017.

Meeting was called to order by Chair – Gieseke at 8:36 A.M.

Members Present: Chair, Robby Gieseke  
Treasurer, Tim Braun  
Member, Bruce Hulke  
Vice Chair, John Kral - Absent  
Secretary, Pat Pehrson - Absent

Others Present:

District Manager, Kevin Ostermann  
District Watershed Technician, Eric Miller - Absent  
Administrative Assistant, Melissa Lancaster  
District Technician, Blake Honetschlager  
Farmbill Technician, Max Rykhus  
NRCS, April Sullivan  
County Commissioner, John Lupke

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun it was moved to approve the agenda. Ayes Gieseke, Braun, Hulke. Carried

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Hulke. Carried

Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approve 27 paid bills for January 2017 totaling \$57,084.96 (Checking Account), and 1 paid bill for January in the amount of \$18,958.10 (Grants Account). Ayes Braun, Hulke, Gieseke. Carried

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve the February 2017 Treasurer's Reports subject to audit. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Gieseke. Carried

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Area VI Dues:** Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun it was moved to approve the payment of Area VI Annual Dues in the amount of \$400.00. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Gieseke. Carried

**Area VI Chair Meeting:** Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun it was moved to approve all staff and supervisors to attend the Area VI Chair Meeting that will be held in New Ulm on February 14, 2017. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Gieseke. Carried

**Seven Mile Creek Watershed Partnership Program Policy:** Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approved a No-Till/Strip-Till Incentive Policy Partnership with Seven Mile Creek Watershed. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Gieseke. Carried

**Seven Mile Creek Watershed Partnership Program Policy on No-Till/Strip-Till Incentives**

Nicollet SWCD will provide assistance to landowners in the Seven Mile Creek watershed wishing to incorporate no-till/strip-till into their farming practices. Landowners are encouraged to also seek financial assistance from NRCS. Enrollment in SWCD Incentive Program is limited only to acres where the practice has not been previously applied. No-Till/Strip-Till practices must adhere to accepted NRCS technical specifications unless otherwise agreed upon by landowner and SWCD technical assistance provider.

Incentive Structure:

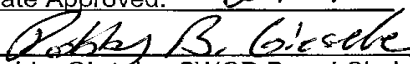
- If applicant enrolls acres into EQIP No-Till/Strip-Till programs:
  - Nicollet SWCD will provide an additional incentive payment of \$10/acre/year on the EQIP contract acres for the life of the EQIP contract. (Applicant must declare acres and number of years in contract prior to SWCD contract initiation.)
- If applicant does not enroll in EQIP No-Till/Strip-Till program:
  - Nicollet SWCD will provide payment of \$10.00/ac/yr. (Applicant must declare acres and number of years in contract prior to SWCD contract initiation.)

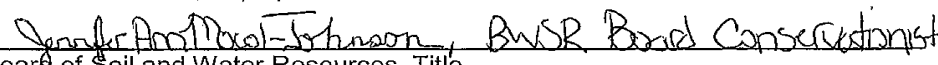
The applicant is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the practice applied under this program. And must ensure that the conservation objectives of the practice are met. Enrollment in Incentive Program is a 3-year commitment according to BWSR FY13 CWF Policy, Section 3.2.2. Should the applicant fail to maintain the practice during its effective life, the applicant is liable to the Nicollet SWCD for 150% of the amount of financial assistance received to install and establish the practice.

Payments will be made after the practice has been certified the first year.

Annual Practice Certifications will be completed by a SWCD technical assistance provider and documented for the life of the contract.

No-Till/Strip-Till incentive payments are contingent upon available funding.

Date Approved: 2-1-17  
  
Robby Gieseke, SWCD Board Chair

Date Approved: 1/10/17  
  
Jennifer Ann Doxat-Johnson, BWSR Board Conservationist  
Board of Soil and Water Resources, Title

**Accelerated Grant Agreement:** Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Hulke, it was approved to authorize the District Manager to sign the Accelerated Grant Agreement between the District and BWSR. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Pehrson. Carried

**Cost Share:**

Grade Stabilization Structure Repair and Seeding Project for Cost-Share Contract 14 Flood 1(15) for Tom Brown is complete. Landowner is requesting final payment in the amount of \$121.43. Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun it was moved to approve the final payment in the amount of \$121.43 for Cost- Share Contract 14 Flood 1(15) for Tome Brown. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Gieseke. Carried

Water and Sediment Control Basin Project for Cost-Share Contract 14 Flood II 1(15) for Edward Brown is complete. Landowner is requesting final payment in the amount of \$23,293.58. Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun it was moved to approve the final payment amount of \$23,293.58 for Flood II 1(15) for Edward Brown. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Gieseke. Carried.

**NRCS Report:** Report was given by April Sullivan – see attached

**Supervisor & Staff Report:** Hulke reported on the TSA meeting he attended on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Honetschlager gave an update on the tree program and new trees offered this year. Rykhus reported on RIM updates, and projects he has been working on in Sibley county.

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting:** March 1, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

**Adjourn:** Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

**Approved:** March 1, 2017 Secretary \_\_\_\_\_