



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, June 7, 2017.

Meeting was called to order by Chair –Gieseke at 8:30 A.M.

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

Others Present:

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

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

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting. Ayes Braun, Kral, Hulke, Gieseke. Carried

Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approve 41 paid bills for April 2017 totaling \$54,220.39 (Checking Account), and 1 paid bill in the amount of \$15,309.37 (Grants Account) for the month of April. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

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

Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approve 27 paid bills for May 2017 totaling \$35,058.71 (Checking Account), and 2 paid bills totaling \$9,362.78 from the Grants Account for the month of May. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

2017-2018 Leadership Institute: A motion was made by Hulke and seconded by Kral to allow any interested staff and/or supervisors to attend the 2017-18 MASWCD Leadership Institute. Cost of this program is \$2,850.00 and includes a trip to Washington D. C. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

Farmbill Update: The District Manager notified the Board that the District will continue to receive funding through the BWSR 2018 Farmbill Grant. This Grant will support the position of Farmbill Technician for Nicollet and Sibley Counties.

BWSR AIG Contract: A request was presented to the Board to enter into a contract with Houston Engineering for Project Scale Prioritization and Planning for Ravine Stabilization in Nicollet county. This contract is related to the 2017 Accelerated Implementation Grant that was received. Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approve this contract. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

June Area VI Meeting: A motion was made by Kral and seconded by Braun allowing all staff and supervisors to attend the Area VI meeting which will be held at the Wow Zone in Mankato on June 29th. Ayes Braun Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

Corrective Action Notice: Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approve the signature of Chair, Gieseke on the follow-up reply to Miss Mocol-Johnson regarding the corrective action notice that was issued to the District by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. Ayes Bruan, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

Equipment Purchase: Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun it was moved to approve the purchase of an ATV for District use from Snell motors. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

Cost Share:

A request was presented to the Board to enter into a Cost-Share contract with Rod Vanzee TW 15(15) for a Buffer Strip Implementation project on his property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$32,182.50, which includes \$25,620.00 for incentive payment and \$6,562.50 for implementation. Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approve Cost-Share contract TW 15(15) for Rod Vanzee. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

A request was presented to the Board to enter into a Cost-Share contract with RRG Properties TW 16(15) for a Buffer Strip Implementation project on their property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$10,237.50 which includes \$9,750.00 for incentive payment and \$487.50 for implementation. Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Kral it was moved to approve Cost-Share contract TW 16(15) for RRG Properties. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

An amendment request in the amount of \$10,000.00 was presented to the Board for Cost-Share Contract Flood II 3(15) WASCOD project for Christopher Frederick. The amendment amount would bring the contract total to \$30,000.00 (instead of \$20,000.00 as stated in the original contract). Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Kral it was move to approve the \$10,000.00 amendment for Cost-Share Contract Flood II 3(15) for Christopher Frederick. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

An amendment request was presented to the Board to change the funding source form Flood III A to Flood II for Cost-Share Contract Flood III 1(15) terraces project for Neil Rasmussen. This would allow the District to use funds from Flood II first due to completion date of the project. Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Kral it was move to change the funding source and rename the contract for Niel Rasmussen Flood II 6(15). Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Kral it was moved to approve this change. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

An amendment request was presented to the Board to change the funding amount and completion date for Cost-Share Contract MNDOT 7(12) Charlotte Kamps. Sediment Control Basins project. Due to weather delays the contract completion date will be extended to 12/31/17, and due to construction bids coming in lower than originally expected the encumbered amount is being reduced from \$120,000.00 to \$70,000.0. Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Braun it was moved to approve these changes for Charlotte Kamps MNDOT 7(12). Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

NRCS Report: April Sullivan reported – see attached.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Hulke mentioned the TSA meeting coming up June 20th, and there was discussing on the Water Quality Forum that is being presented by Nicollet County on June 21st at the St. Peter Community Center.

Other Business:

Next Meeting: July 12, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

Approved: July 12, 2017

Secretary _____