

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 8:00 AM at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Roger Hoff, Josh Ossefoort, Jim Veldkamp, NRCS Conservationist Levi Campion, LMO Director Eric Hartman, Office Managers Lynette Jauert and Mary Thompson. Absent: County Commissioner Stan Williamson and Dave Esselink

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Thompson stated there is one addition for approval to close Flood Relief 1. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Chair – Hoff nominated by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.
Vice Chair – Ossefoort nominated by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Secretary – Esselink nominated by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Treasurer: Cragoe nominated by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Committee Appointments:

TSA – Hoff nominated by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

KLR – Esselink nominated by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Waterplan Committee – Esselink with Ossefoort as alternate nominated by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

PR & I – Veldkamp nominated by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Official Depository:

The board approved Security Savings Bank as the official depository for 2020. Motion by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Official Newspaper:

The board approved the Rock County Star Herald as the official newspaper for 20120. Motion by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

NRCS Report:

Levi Campion gave an overview of activity in NRCS programs.

EQIP – continuing to take new applications, 87 so far for 2020, no sign up deadline has been announced.

CSP – continuing to take new applications, 7 so far for 2020, 5 applications up for 2020 renewal

CSP-GCI – Grassland Conservation Initiative – ag producers with eligible base acreage of a whole farm number that has been in grass for over a 9 year period rather than planted with commodity crops. \$18 per acre for up to 5 years. FSA will contact eligible producers.

CRP – general and continuous sign up underway

CREP – no new sign up at this time

Wetland N/HEL Compliance – back log of tiling requests, several reports of potential violations

Brandon Bosch is working on receiving his linc pass.

Nobles closed the opening for a soil conservationist 1/31/2020.

Ag BMP:

Thompson presented a summary of activity for 2019, overall loan total amount since the program's inception in 1995, stating Rock County has had the third largest volume of use of this program in the state, a map showing categories and locations of loans that have been issued and reviewed what types of practices are eligible.

Bills for Approval:

Thompson presented the following bills for approval. After review motion was made to approve payment of bills by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

A/P Date	Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Total Amount
01/21/2020	12060	LUVERNE/CITY OF	\$28.86
01/21/2020	393	MACDE	\$175.00
01/21/2020	392	MN ASSOC OF SOIL & WATER CONSERV DIST	\$3,076.14
01/21/2020	3445	MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	\$2,524.00
01/21/2020	928	MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION	\$41.25
01/21/2020	708	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	\$178.50
01/21/2020	203	SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA	\$30.14
01/21/2020	403	SWMACDE NOBLES SWCD	\$70.00
01/21/2020	391	SWMN ASSOC OF SOIL & WATER CONSERV DIST	\$400.00
01/21/2020	20015	TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	\$105.00

Rain gauge observers gift cards also approved with the bills. \$157.50 - \$50.00 per observer; 2.50 card fee.

Review of Financial Report:

Hartman presented the December Financial Report. Motion by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

2018 Audit:

Hartman presented and reviewed the 2018 audit. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

2019 Audit Engagement Letter:

Hartman presented the 2019 audit engagement letter. 2019 audit will be done by Clifton Larsen Allen. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

2020 Annual Plan of Work:

Hartman presented the 2020 Annual Plan of Work. After review, motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Flood Relief 1:

Thompson presented the financial report for FY15 Flood Relief 1 stating all \$165,000 have been spent and reported in ELINK. Motion to approve closing of grant by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Minutes:

The board reviewed the December minutes. Motion by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp to approve December 16, 2019 minutes. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Motion to adjourn by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Thompson
Office Manager

