

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, November 16, 2020**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held via teleconference Monday, November 16, 2020 at 8:00 AM at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Roger Hoff, Dave Esselink, Gene Cragoe, Jim Veldkamp, Josh Ossefoort, LMO Director Eric Hartman, LMO Assistant Director Doug Bos, Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Office Manager Lynette Jauert, County Commissioner Stan Williamson

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Thompson added discussion of the Resolution Ballots. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Grant Amendments

Thompson presented the following cost share grant amendments in order to extending grant dates:

State Cost Share FY19 to extend grant expiration date to 12/31/2021. Motion by Esselink, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no oppose, motion carried.

Flood 3B to extend grant expiration date to 6/30/2021. Motion by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Flood 4 to extend grant expiration date to 12/31/2021. Motion by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Flood 3B to extend grant expiration date to 12/31/2021. Motion by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Buffer Law Update

Arlyn Gehrke presented an update on compliance with the Buffer Law stating Rock County has 840 parcels affected by the law. Of those approximately half were in compliance when the law was put in place. Gehrke has been working with the remaining landowners and as of October 12 nineteen parcels were still out of compliance. Notices of non-compliance were sent, 1 parcel is now in compliance. Remaining landowners were sent a corrective action notice stating as of December 1, 2020 they have 11 months to take action. All but 2 now have plans to come into compliance by the deadline.

Contract Cancellation

Thompson stated EQIP funded contract FY17-FR3B-11 for Todd Matus for water and sediment control basins in Section 8, Beaver Creek Township, therefore, requested the contract be cancelled. Motion by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Flood 4 Rescind and Payment

Thompson stated there was an error in the amount approved on Binford Farms. Payment had not been made to landowner, so Thompson requested the board rescind the motion on the payment for contract FY16-FR-46 for basins in Vienna Township, Section 32 in the amount of \$21,010,72. Motion to rescind by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented the correct payment of \$22,258.99. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

State Cost Share Payment

Contract FY17-02 – Jim Ladd for a water and sediment control basin project in Clinton Township, Section 12 in the amount of \$7,373.25. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Rock County Rural Water Nitrogen Reduction Payment

Contract RCWRNR-2 – Brent Fluit for years 1 and 3 for 148 acres in the amount of \$14,800.00. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no oppose, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Contract

Contract CUA- 40 - Brian Fick for 5.75 acres/\$575.00 acres on a grassed waterway project in Luverne Township, Section 5. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Payments

CUA- 40 Brian Fick for 5.75 acres/\$100 per acre \$575.00. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA- 14 - Todd Matus for 8 acres/\$100 per acre \$800.00. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA- 27 - Binford Farms for 10 acres/\$100 per acre \$1,000.00. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA- 36 - Jim Ladd for 2 acres/\$100 per acres \$200.00. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Contract Cancellation

CUA- 30 - Todd Matus. Contract is a duplicate. Conservation use acres paid by contract CUA- 14. Motion to cancel by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Financial Statements

September and October – tabled – inadvertently did not get emailed to the board for review. Approval will be at December meeting.

Bills

Thompson presented the following bills for approval:

Clifton Larsen Allen for \$550.00

City of Luverne - \$26.00

MN Dept of Ag – Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate -\$225.00

Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Resolution Ballots

Thompson informed the board that the MASWCD Annual Convention would be held virtually. The Resolution Ballots will not have the option to vote for “needs further discussion” this year. There will only be “approve” or “disapprove.” She asked that the board return their votes and sign the official ballot to be submitted to MASWCD.

Minutes

The board reviewed the meeting minutes for September 21, October 5 and October 19.

Motion to approve September 21 minutes by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Motion to approve October 5 minutes by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Motion to approve October 21 minutes by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Upcoming regular meeting December 21, 2020.

Motion to adjourn by Cragoe, second by Esselink. 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 style with a large, prominent "M" and "T".

Mary Thompson
Office Manager

