

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Monday, November 18, 2019**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Roger Hoff, Josh Ossefoort, Jim Veldkamp, County Commissioner Stan Williamson, LMO Director Eric Hartman, LMO Assistant Director Doug Bos, and Office Managers Mary Thompson and Lynette Jauert. Excused absence was Dave Esselink.

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Motion to approve by Ossefoort and second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

**One Watershed One Plan and Joint Powers agreement**

Bos advised the board that the plan is finally completed. It includes 6 counties and is a 10 year plan with a 5 year update. Bos requested the board now make a resolution to adopt the plans. Motion by Ossefoort and seconded by Veldkamp to approve the Resolution. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. Bos then requested the board adopt the Joint Powers agreement. Bos stated that Nobles County will be the fiscal host of the money and that County Attorney Jeff Haubrich has reviewed it and made some adjustments. Motion to approve by Veldkamp and seconded by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

**Buffer Update**

Arlyn Gehrke advised the board that BWSR had sessions focusing on the buffer law and how to move to the next step for enforcement. The route so far has been patient persistence and has been working pretty well. Rock County had 840 parcels to start and we are down to 42 parcels that have a plan but have not been seeded yet. We have 23 parcels that have not had contact or do not have a plan. The next step will be to send them a letter to get into compliance and if no response the next step is to notify the County of non-compliance. Hartman and Gehrke will be the representatives for the County. Overall landowners have been cooperative and Gehrke was going to check prior to sending letters as some may be completed and just did not let us know. Some of those in noncompliance are absentee landowners who may just not be aware of the situation.

**NRCS**

Tabled to December meeting.

**Cost Share Contract Amendments:**

Thompson advised the board of the following amendments to the contracts.

Mark & Pam Walgrave, FY16-FR3A-9, to be amended to extend expiration date to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve amendment by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Vernon VanderPol, FY16-FR3A-10, to be amended from Vernon Vander Pol to Mark Vander Pol, renter. Purchase agreement showing the change of ownership is in the project file. Motion to approve amendment by Ossefoort and second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. Due to unforeseen increase in contractor cost from the time of the estimate until project completion the original cost share estimate needs to be increased from \$15,392.40 to \$18,868.40 with Cost share and cost share shall be adjusted from \$13,776.48 to \$16,256.25. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, and second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Randy Remme and Dave Remme, FY17-FR3B-12, to be amended due to the sale of the property from Dave Remme and Randy Remme to Randy Remme. Motion to approve amendment by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. Due to tile needing to be installed outside and existing tile line, length of basins and clean up the original cost share estimate shall be amended from \$20,675.94 to \$24,128.65 with Cost share, based on farmable policy, shall be adjusted from \$17,065.00 to \$19,454.10. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Jim Ladd, FY17-02, to be amended to extend expiration to December, 23, 2020 in order to allow completion of the project. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Dorene Miller, FY19-02, be amended to change the funding from FY17 to FY19 in order to allow time to complete the project in 2020. Expiration will be amended from December 15, 2020 to December 20, 2020. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Carolyn Tofteland, FY18-BCS-7, be amended to extend expiration from December 13, 2019 to December 20, 2019 in order to approve payment for project at the December meeting. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Dean Tofteland, FY18-BCS-1, be amended to extend expiration from December 13, 2019 to December 20, 2019 in order to approve payment for project at the December meeting. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Dean Tofteland, FY18-BCS2A, be amended to extend expiration until December 23, 2020 in order to allow completion of the project. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Brent Fluit, FY18-BCS-2B, be amended to extend expiration until December 23, 2020 in order to allow completion of the project. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no oppose, motion carried.

#### **Cost Share Payments:**

Thompson presented the following contracts for payments:

Don Reker, FY16-FR2-44, for Basins in Section 4, NE ¼ of Springwater Township, in the amount of \$30,140.19. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Approval to change funding source from Flood 1 \$4,213.47 and Flood 3A \$12,043.08. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Mark Vander Pol, FR16-FR3A-10, for WASCB in Section 18, SE ¼ of Battle Plain Township, in the amount of \$16,256.55. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Lena Marbus, FY17-FR3B-2, for WASCB in Section 11F, NW ¼ of Martin Township, in the amount of \$9,536.37. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Randy Remme, FY17-FR3B-12, for WASCB in Section 16, NW ¼ of Vienna Township, in the amount of \$19,454.10. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

### **Conservation Use Acre Payments**

Hartman advised the board that there was no final motion at the October 2019 meeting concerning the denial of payment to Binford Farms, CUA-9, Section 31, NE ¼ of Vienna Township. Motion to deny payment due policy requiring something must be planted by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

### **Bills for Approval:**

Thompson presented the following bills for approval:

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| MN Dept of Agriculture                   | \$250.00 |
| National Assoc of Conservation Districts | \$775.00 |

After review, motion was made to approve payment of bills by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

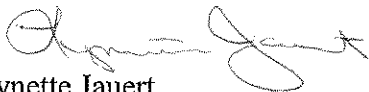
Hartman reviewed the Financial Statements. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Motion to approve September 16, 2019 meeting minutes by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. Motion to approve October 14, 2019 meeting minutes by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Next meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lynette Jauert  
Office Manager

