

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Thursday, December 2, 2021**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, December 2, 2021 at 8:00 AM at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Roger Hoff, Dave Esselink, Jim Veldkamp, Josh Ossefoort, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director Doug Bos, Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Gene Cragoe and County Commissioner Stan Williamson

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Hartman added the audit engagement letter. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

NRCS Report

NRCS staff unable to attend; will update at the next meeting.

FY22 Local Capacity/Buffer Law Grant Agreement

Thompson presented the FY22 Local Capacity/Buffer Law grant agreement. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY22/23 NRBG Grant Agreement

Hartman/Thompson presented. This is operations money sent directly to the county and approved by the county board. SWCD board was made aware of the amounts for the upcoming fiscal years.

Update to SRAM Policy (Seasonal Riparian Management Program)

Bos presented the proposed updates to the SRAM policy that would allow pasture in crop ground outside the watershed. Cost share would help pay for fencing and watering for crop land taken out of production if put into pasture. This is a 100% voluntary, 10 year program. After board discussion, motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Feedlot Report

Bos gave the feedlot report for 2021 stating 44 sites were inspected (7% or 37 were required), 1 new hog barn permitted. New permits were down in comparison to the previous few years.

Drill Rental Rates

Bos proposed new rates for the rental of the drill. Rates have not been updated in quite some time. New proposed rate is \$100 minimum for 1-10 acres, \$9.00 per acres for 11-25 acres, \$8.00 per acre for 26-100 Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Tree and Tree Mat 2022 Pricing

Thompson presented the proposed tree prices as Arlyn Gehrke was not able to be present for the meeting. Proposed pricing is \$2.00 for deciduous, \$9.50 for conifers, matting to remain the same. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

One Watershed One Plan Updates

Thompson presented project updates stating there was one project paid in October and one in November. The total monies returned from Rock County projects is approximately \$69,000. There are 9 projects currently in contract that remain to be paid, one of those will have construction in the spring, the rest have been completed and will be paid as invoices become available. Bos stated 1.3 million per year has been approved for the next two years.

Cost Share:

Flood 4 Amendment

Thompson presented the amendment for contract FY18-FR4-7 for Randy Mulder. Estimate for tile was based on 5 inch, 6 inch needed for proper drainage. Dirt work cost increased from time of estimate to construction. Total estimate amended from \$4,356.00 to \$6,124.03. Total amount authorized for cost share based on the original percentage of 90% amended from \$3,920.40 to \$5,511.63. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Flood 4 Payment

Thompson presented payment for FY18-FR4-7 for Randy Mulder on a waterway in the SW ¼ of Section 35, Luverne Township in the amount of \$5,511.63. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

State Cost Share/Local Capacity

Thompson presented the payment for contract FY21-LC-2 for Mike Sandager for \$24,742.57 for a farmable basin project in the SW ¼ of Section 14, Beaver Creek Township. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acres

Contracts

Thompson presented the cancellation of CUA-43 for Roger Hoff as the project was constructed in the spring before planting, therefore, no conservation use acres were needed. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented the cancellation of CUA-44 for Josh Rheault as the project was constructed in the spring before planting, therefore, no conservation use acres were needed. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented contract CUA-46 for Wes Fuerstenberg for 2 acres/\$200.00 for a waterway project in the SW ¼ of Section 32, Vienna Township. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

Payments:

Thompson presented payment for CUA-46 for Wes Fuerstenberg for 2 acres/\$100 per acre/\$200.00. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

Thompson presented payment for CUA-45 for Gary Drost for 7.5 acres/\$100 per acre/\$750.00. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

Bills for Approval:

Thompson presented the bills that were to be approved at the 11/22/21 meeting, however, there was no quorum. Requested post approval. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP	\$2,100.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	\$27.00
MN DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	\$250.00
NATIONAL ASSOC OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	\$775.00

Thompson presented the current bill for approval. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

DVS – 2009 PJ Trailer license tabs - \$41.25

Financial Statements

Hartman/Thompson presented the September financial statements. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Hartman/Thompson presented the October financial statements. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes of the September 20, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Audit Engagement Letter

Hartman presented the audit engagement letter for the 2020 audit. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Upcoming regular meeting December 20, 2021.

Motion to adjourn by Ossefoort, 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, flowing style.

Mary Thompson
Office Manager

