

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Thursday, December 20, 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, Gene Cragoe, Josh Ossefoort, County Commissioner Stan Williamson, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director Doug Bos, Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Jim Veldkamp and Dave Esselink

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

NRCS Report

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

2022 Meeting Schedule

Thompson shared the 2022 meeting schedule. After review, motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

2022 Annual Plan of Work

Hartman reviewed the 2022 Annual Plan of Work. After review, motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

2022 Budget

Hartman presented the 2022 budget. After review, motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Wellhead Protection Partner Grant

Bos reviewed the Wellhead Protection Grant stating this grant is targeted for projects to protect sensitive wellhead areas by establishing perpetual or long-term protection. Land offered for protection must be within a delineated Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) mapped in a Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) approved Wellhead Protection Plan. Vulnerability of the drinking water supply within the delineated WHPA must be designated as very high or high by the MN Dept of Health. Bos requested authorization to sign the grant agreement once received. The board granted signature authority with a motion by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort.

Ladd Proposal and Contract

Bos presented the proposal, map and contract for Jim Ladd under the Wellhead Protection Partner Grant stating the attorney general has approved the contract and the county attorney is currently reviewing.

- 110.05 acre tracts of land will be enrolled in a long term 30 year contract.
- The majority of the parcels will be seeded into grasses to support rotational grazing and 16 -20 upland acres into hay or small grains to provide winter feed for the cow/calf pairs.
- The land would be managed under a grazing management plan that would meet the NRCS prescribed grazing practice standard 528.
- No commercial nitrogen fertilizer will be applied to the tracts.
- The land use practices would be inspected annually and verified compliance with the NRCS standard by the staff of the Rock SWCD.
- The contract will spell out penalties or payback of non-performance of the land use requirements.

Bos requested authorization for the district signature on the contract. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

Cost Share Payment – Flood 4

Thompson presented payment for FY18-FR4-8 for Jeff Petterson on a waterway in the SW ¼ of Section 6, Springwater Township in the amount of \$10,257.05. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Cost Share Payment – CUA for Cover Crop

Thompson presented payment for CUA-50 for Mark Kooistra for cover crops in the SW ¼ of Section 33, Beaver Creek Township in the amount of \$576.00. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Bills for Approval:

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

A/P Date	Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Total Amount
12/20/2021	12060	LUVERNE/CITY OF	\$27.00
12/20/2021	20015	TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	\$105.00

Financial Statements

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

Minutes

December 2, 2021 minutes were tabled. Approval required by two board members present at the 12/2 meeting. Only one present at the 12/20 meeting.

For Your Information - MN Campaign Finance Board Statement of Interest

Hartman had received a letter to remind the board that all public officials who served in 2021 must review their statement of economic interest in January 2022. Recertification must be filed between January 1, 2022 and January 31, 2022. Letters were directly sent to all public officials in late December.

Upcoming Meeting

January 18, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Thompson
Office Manager