

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 8:00 AM at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Dave Esselink, Jim Veldkamp, Director Eric Hartman, Engineer Tech Arlyn Gehrke, Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Josh Ossefoort, Roger Hoff, County Commissioner Stan Williamson

Acting Chair Esselink called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. With no additions, motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Arlyn Gehrke presented the Prescribed Grazing Plan for Jim Ladd which was developed by Patrick Toomey, NRCS. This grazing plan is in conjunction with the Wellhead Protection Partner Grant contract with Ladd's. Motion to accept plan by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented payment for the Ladd for the 30-Year Wellhead Protection Partner Grant and requested the board authorize payment of \$950,238.00 once all signatures have been obtained. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented an overview of the 2021 Ag BMP program. \$619,510.00 in loans were approved and issued, current funds available are \$485,954.63 with \$210,000.00 allocated to projects in 2022.

Thompson presented the following bills:

02/22/2022	12060	LUVERNE/CITY OF	\$28.00
02/22/2022	391	SWMN ASSOC OF SOIL & WATER CONSERV DIST	\$400.00
02/22/2022	1071	TITAN MACHINERY INC	\$43.51

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

Hartman presented the January financial statements. After review, motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Hartman presented the 2020 audit. After review, motion to accept and approve by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Hartman gave an overview from the Area V meeting. Rock SWCD was presented with a plaque in recognition for 75 years of service. The association is working on increased funding sources. Local Capacity comes from the clean water fund and is re-approved every two years. SWCD's do not have taxing authority. It was attempted but not approved by the legislature or the governor. The association is working on annual funding from the general fund. The average would be \$170,000 and it would not be subject to ELINK reporting. Hartman stated these funds could possibly be used for a new drill and can be used for conservation practices.

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December 20, 2021 minutes were tabled. Approval required by two board members present at the 12/20 meeting. Only one present at the 2/22 meeting.

After review, motion to approve the January 18, 2022 minute by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe.

All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thompson
Office Manager